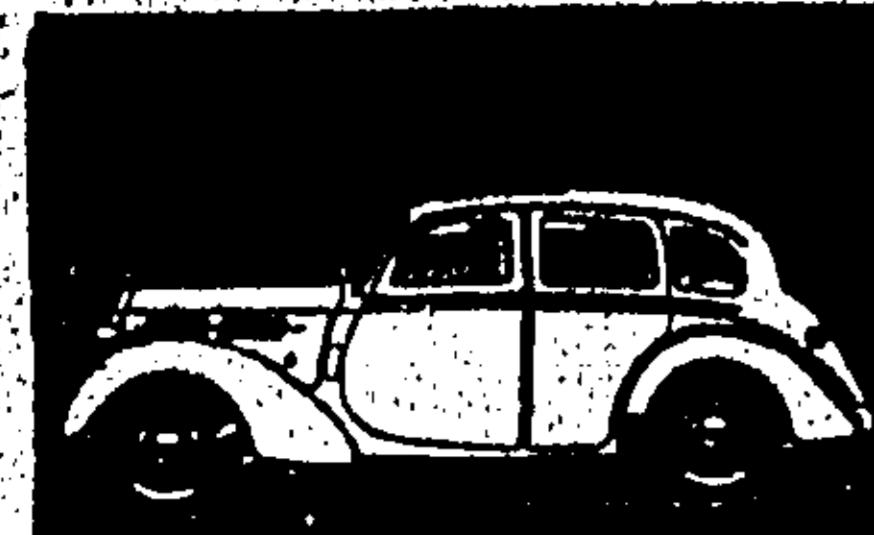


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DEFENCE 'DICTATORS' ARE ALREADY CHOSEN

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Girl Tames Red Fox

Boston. Seven-year-old Gladys Turner has for a pet a red fox, captured only four months ago by two hunters in nearby woods. So tame is the fox now that Gladys takes it for a daily walk—on a leash—along Main street.

Ticket Fund

Philadelphia. The will of Mrs. Emma Schubert Brister, harpist and only woman member of the Philadelphia Amateur Orchestra which preceded the Philadelphia Orchestra, bequeathed \$2,000 to the orchestra, the income to be used to purchase concert tickets for music students.

M.P.s Call For Ban On Dog Fights

M.P.s are to make a determined effort to put a stop to the scandal of secret dog fights which are being held regularly on lonely moorlands all over Britain.

Sir Robert Vaughan Gower, M.P. for Gillingham and head of the R.S.P.C.A. and the National Canine Defence League, was recently planning the campaign from his sick-bed in Tunbridge Wells. He will raise the matter in the Commons.

Among the M.P.s who will support him are Sir Cooper Rawson, Sir Thomas Moore, Mr. H. G. Williams and Mr. A. A. Somerville.

Mr. R. H. Johns, assistant secretary of the National Canine Defence League, told how valuable dogs are torn to bits in organised fights and of the elaborate precautions taken to keep the "meets" secret.

"Big money—sometimes £10—is gambled on the result of the fights," he said.

"They are usually held on the moorlands, and a 14ft. square pit is used.

"The home of dog-fighting is in Staffordshire, but others are held regularly on the Sussex Downs, in Dorset, and round Plymouth.

"The dogs used are specially trained terriers, born fighters.

"Some of them are given ferocious names such as 'Jack the Ripper' and 'The Killer.'

Sometimes, added Mr. Johns, a dog

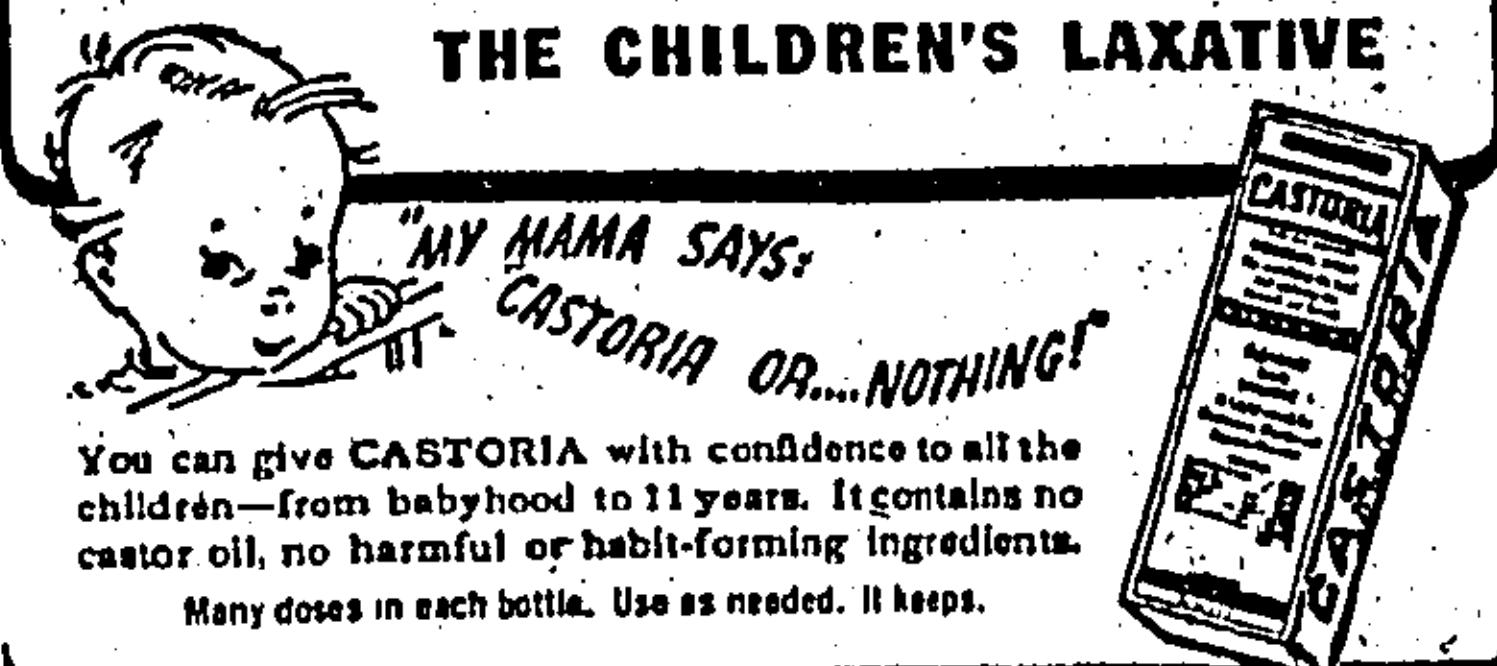


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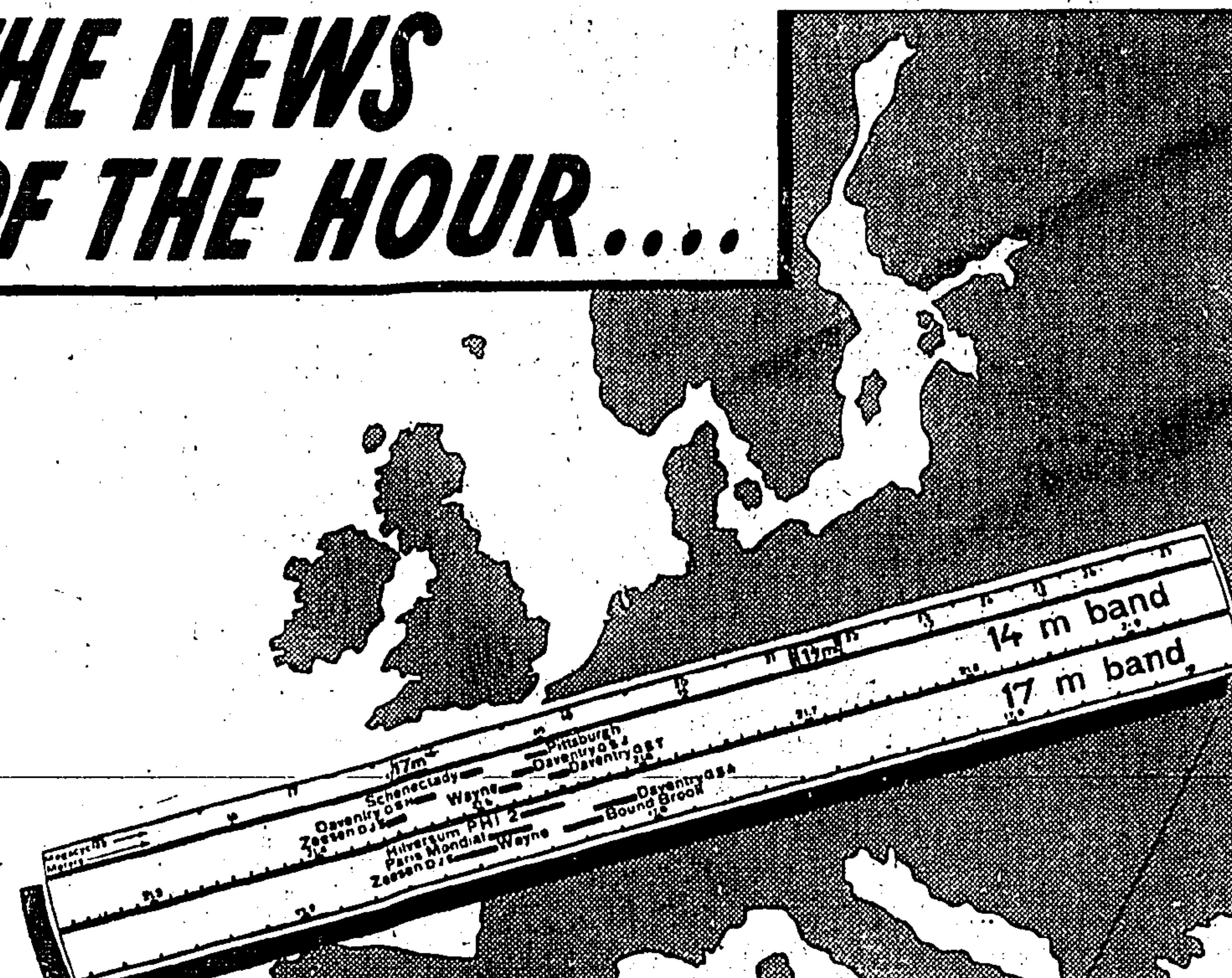
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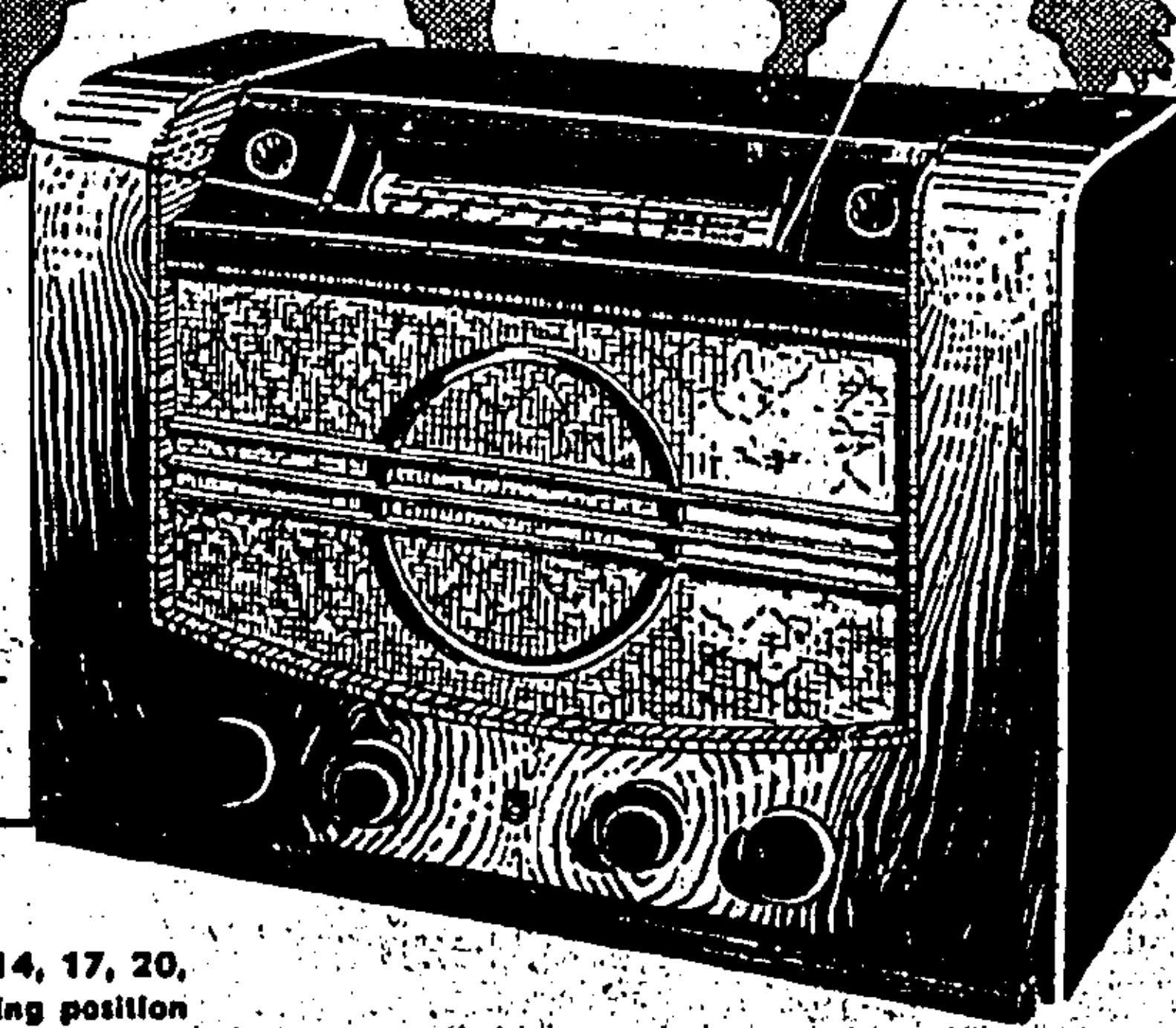
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ROYAL SQUIRE IS RETURNING —AND 'JITTERBUGS' QUIT HIS VILLAGE

Biddenden, Kent.

THE village of Biddenden has had "Jitterbugs" of its own. But recently they disappeared—when it was seen that decorators and servants were busy again at the ex-King of Siam's 400-year-old Country Home.

Prince Prajadhipok (as they call him) is in Egypt, and Biddenden feared that the rioting in Bangkok meant that their royal squire might be returning to the throne he abdicated in 1935.

Although the forgotten King to the rest of the world, here in this beautiful corner of Kent he is known and loved for his generosity and kindness.

He would be the typical country squire, but for one thing—instead of hunters in his stables he keeps a fleet of five cars.

Although he has never been seen astride a horse, this little hunting community has often met him pedalling along the narrow lanes on his bicycle.

Local trade has improved greatly since he and his consort, ex-Queen Rambai arrived.

FAIR TRADE

Instead of sending away for food to the nearest big town, the owners of Vane Court buy from the little village shops.

To be fair, they buy from one grocery store one week, and the other the next.

Frequently they buy home-made chocolates from the village cafe, and have on occasions had a light meal in its little parlour.

Completely anglicised where food is concerned, they enjoy a full English breakfast at Vane Court—eggs and bacon, marmalade and tons.

During the summer the tiny Siamese squire presented trophies at the local flower show and gymkhana. He is a generous man with subscriptions, too.

His staunchest admirer in Biddenden is four-years-old Olwen Evans, his caretaker's little girl.

Whenever Olwen sees the ex-King she salutes, and sometimes he gives her Siamese lessons.

Already she can say in Siamese, "Dirty hands," "tea," her own name, "Ewin," and the days of the week.

"I want him to come back quickly," she said.

In his compact, stone-flagged house, where a staff of nine servants is kept (including four Siamese), the ex-King leads a quiet life, rarely entertaining.

He takes a great interest in his ducks and fowl, which he keeps in a big, well-planned ornamental pool.

DOG COMPANION

Both good tennis players, the royal couple are also skilled table tennis enthusiasts and spend many hours at the table.

Most evenings, however, they read quietly or switch on the television.

The ex-King's only dog is Sam, a young Airedale, and the two can often be seen roaming the quiet Kentish lanes.

When they see him striding along in his tweeds, the villagers are sure he will never take on again his title of Keeper of the Twenty-four Golden

Made A Fortune Out Of 'Flu

SIX FEET three inches tall, Mr. Charles Kahn, the man who made a fortune out of 'flu recently arrived in England from New York.

The big handkerchief firm of which he is president hit on the idea years ago of selling a handkerchief in a hermetically sealed package. Sneezing Americans bought them by the million. It made Mr. Kahn.

At the age of 36 he is now a wealthy young man.

At Grosvenor House he said: "These are the days of bold colours in handkerchiefs for men and women. This year handkerchiefs will be bigger than ever—in the United States, at any rate. Colours are going to be more vivid to match the expected increase in colour in men's clothes."

How many handkerchiefs do you carry?"

Mr. Kahn (as a manufacturer he may be a little biased) thinks men should carry four—one for show and one for use in the jacket, and two more for the overcoat.

Women, he says, should have three handkerchiefs (one for show, one to use, and one for lipstick), and a different colour for luncheon, for cocktail hour and for dinner.

FOllOWS THE FASHION

Mr. Kahn has employees in Paris and London following the fashion displays. As soon as a big Paris dressmaker features a new shade, Mr. Kahn orders a new kind of handkerchief.

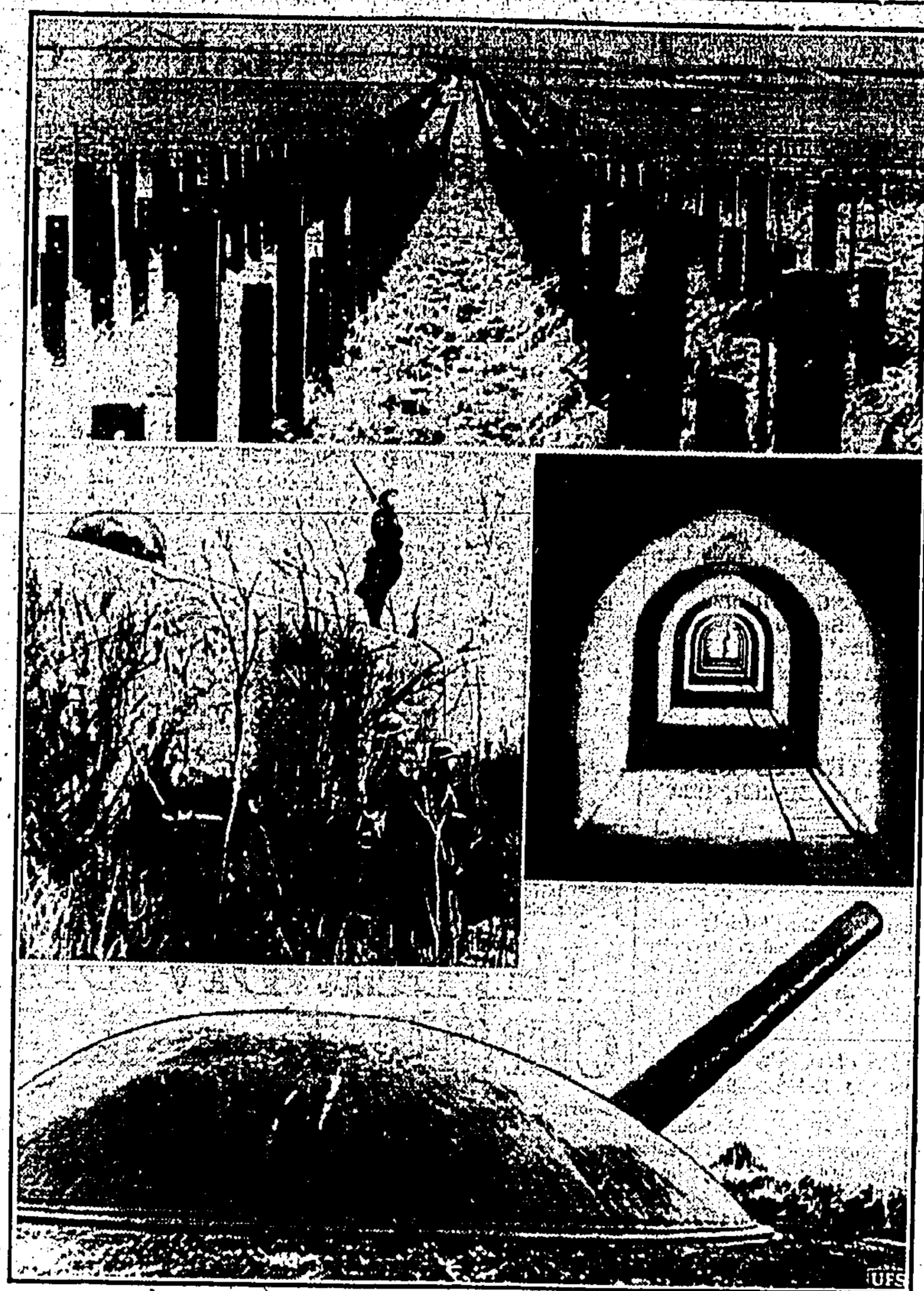
If Mr. Chamberlain has the headlines, then out come handkerchiefs with umbrellas all over them. The topical handie sells, according to Mr. Kahn.

He is even thinking of changing the shape of handkerchiefs. He doesn't see why women shouldn't have oblong or three-sided handies.

Mr. Kahn is paying a visit to Belfast to order more linens. Linen handkerchiefs are still the most popular, he says.

Umbrellas. Brother of the Moon, Supreme Arbitrator of the Ebb and Flow of the Tides, and descendant of the great god Buddha.

He is happy in England.



While the God of War grins and European nations rush to arms, Belgium prepares to defend herself against a violation similar to that of 20 years ago. A vast network of defences now stretches along her eastern frontier from the Alps to the sea. These pictures, taken by special permission of Belgian Army Headquarters, illustrate her preparation. Top, barbed-wire entanglements and tank traps along the frontier, which has been mined. Left centre, sentries at a blockhouse in the line. Right centre, interior of one of the tunnels that stretch for miles under the frontier. Bottom, "heavy artillery gun emplacement."

Rajah Of Sarawak To Open Studio

LONDON.

The Rajah of Sarawak is reported to be planning to open a film studio in England.

His final decision, according to the *Sunday Chronicle*, depends on the success of his daughter, Mrs. Bob Gregory, in her part of a hoochey-koochy dancer in the Hollywood production "You Can't Cheat An Honest Man."

He makes good, the report continues, she will become reconciled with her father and will be the star of a million-dollar production.

Hollywood claims to have made her looks and ability into assets greater than her name. She was chosen from over 30 others after screen tests for the part of the hoochey-koochy dancer.

X-Ray Of Flies May Conquer Cancer Secrets

X-RAY treatments on hundreds of fruit-flies now being carried out at the Genetics Department of Edinburgh University, may be of great significance in the development of cancer research, and even on the future course of humanity.

In a special interview, Professor Muller, late of California University U.S.A., who is supervising the work, explained that the experiments were being made with a view to throwing light on the problem of mutations—changes in the tiny hereditary particles known as "genes," which really form the basis of life.

The fruit-fly "Drosophila" illustrates these mutations. It usually has red eyes and a grey body.

Mutations give it white, pink or miniature eyes, no eyes at all, curved wings, short wings or rudimentary wings, an extra pair of legs and dif-

fering degrees of fertility or length of life.

"Until recently," said Professor Muller, "these changes occurring in the hereditary constitution of a species were a complete mystery. They just happened very rarely."

"It was discovered, however, that they could be produced by X-rays, and it is on this line that our experiments are being conducted."

"While it was thought by radiologists that radiation below a certain intensity would not have any effect, we have proved from our experiments on this fly that extremely low radiation, allowed to accumulate over a long period, gives the same effect as a large quantity."

"This conclusion is of immense importance to radiologists treating cancer, who are subject to slight doses of radiation, since it would be highly undesirable to have mutations produced in their germ cells that might give rise to abnormal human beings in the future."

"In this connection the question also arises: 'Are cancers themselves produced by mutations?' For X-rays produce cancer as well as check it, and X-rays produce mutations."

"If that were true," said the Professor, "then the study of conditions which favour mutations would be of great interest to cancer students."

Professor Muller is the author of the recent book, "Out of the Night," a biologist's view of the future, in which he claimed that by the control of the genes we might raise the level of humanity to that of the genius—the reason why these experiments may be of great significance to the future course of humanity.

The Animal Genetics Department of Edinburgh University, which is solely concerned with determining to what extent genetics or constitution alter the character of any given species, invited Professor Muller over from America specially to make a study of the genetics of the fruit-fly "Drosophila."

Chicken Thief "Sprinkled"

Wyndotte, Cal.—Alfred Renaud believes that somewhere in the state there is a chicken thief who is picking No. 7½ shot out of his epidermis with the aid of a double mirror arrangement. In any event, he said that each time he shot the man jumped—and also kept going.

Is it fair to give your child disagreeable laxatives?



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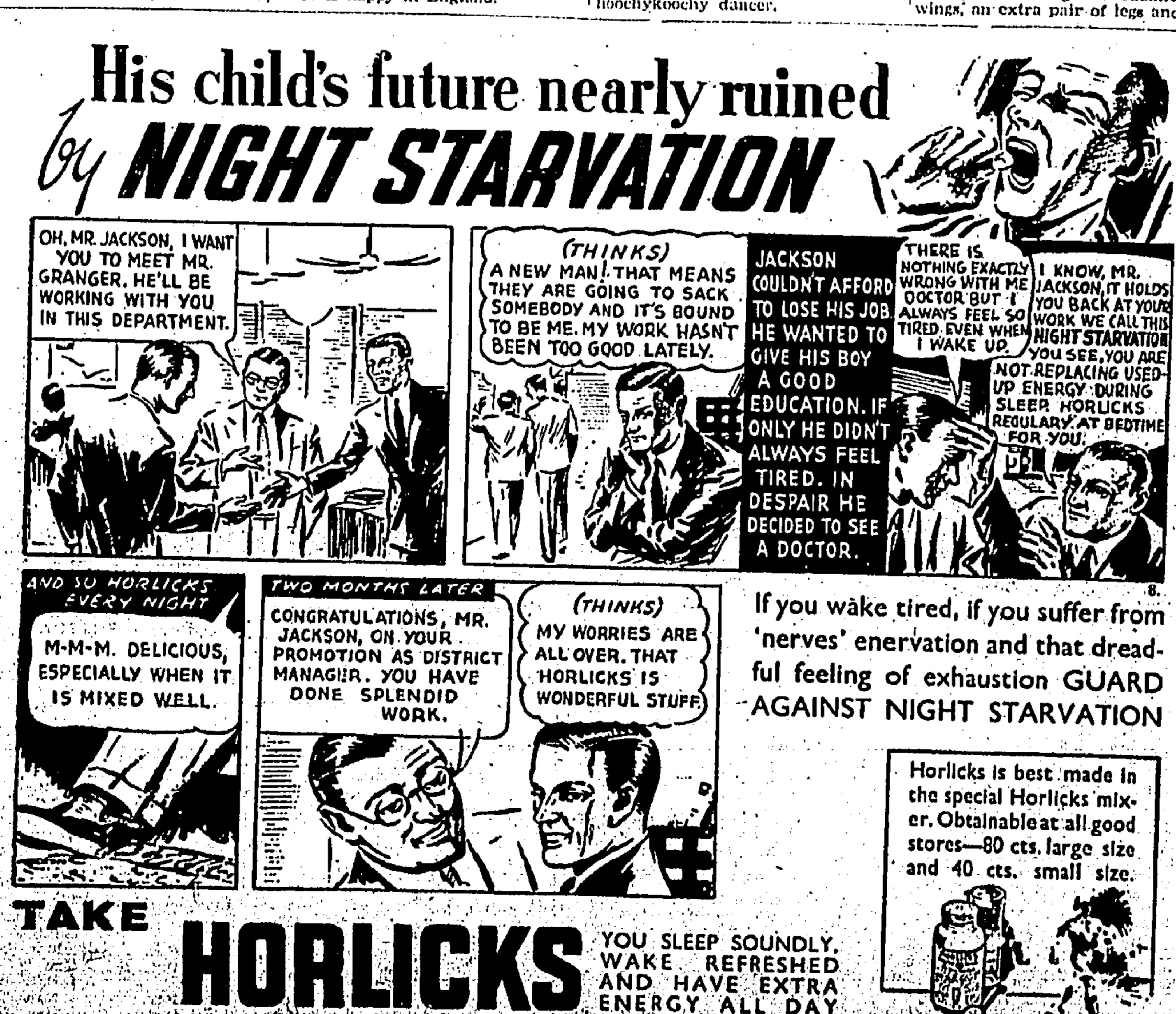
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junction with the declaration of
independence:"Slovakia! At this extremely grave
moment, we, the authorized representatives
of the Slovak people, address ourselves
to you, and to all the peoples of the world who are free,
and thus appreciate this value of
national liberty.""Events have transpired during
the past few days on the soil of our
homeland under pressure of armed
Czech power which violate the most
natural laws of humanity and
nations. The object in all of this was
to deprive our people of that which
they had gained at great sacrifice.
The intention was to place us again
under a yoke that would not be
lighter than the one we formerly
bore."

ALL IN VAIN

"We did everything in our power
to achieve a solution which would
be acceptable to us and to the Czech
people. We were willing to deprive
ourselves of many things to which we
had a legitimate right, in order to
come to an understanding with the
Czechs. All of our endeavours were
in vain.""The political representatives of
the Czech people believed that
through various measures they could
force us to capitulate. The President
of the Republic dismissed in an
unconstitutional manner the Slovak
national Government on the night of
March 9. This act is inadmissible,
both from the political and legal
viewpoint, because the Slovak Diet
voted its confidence in the National
Government on February 23. Nor do
paragraphs in the Constitution dealing
with the autonomy of Slovakia
give the President the right to dismiss
the Slovak National Government
on the basis of a one-sided
decision, and to appoint a new body."

AUTONOMY ABOLISHED

"The autonomy of Slovakia
which was promised to us a long time ago,
and finally granted by Law last
autumn, has been abolished. Through
this act, however, relations between
the Slovak and Czech peoples lost
their constitutional basis. The Prague
Government turned to armed
force and thus created a situation
which was long incompatible with the
relations between peoples of equal
rights; but on the other hand signifies
a Czech dictatorship over us, and an
attempt to compel us to submit.""History will prove that our
conscience is clear and that God is
our witness that we wished only for
the best.""The responsible leaders of the
Czech people replied to our goodwill
with force. Against the Czech people
we have no grievance, but this nation
is governed by men who have learnt
nothing from the past. The enemy
of our national destiny is great, but
God in His justice, is greater, and he
will not forsake us in this very grave
hour of our national existence."

POLITICAL DEATH

"The day has arrived when we
take the destiny of our people
into our own hands if we wish to
rescue the nation from political death.
If we desire to secure the future for
our people, we must terminate
mutual political life with the Czech
nation, and we have therefore
resolved to claim complete
independence for our Slovak people.""We are convinced that this step is
in the interests of peaceful relations
between the Czech and Slovak people,
of the God-given right of self-deter-
mination for all nations, of order in
Slovakia and Central Europe, and
especially of the future of our own
beloved Slovak people.""As the duly authorised representatives
of the Slovak people, we
herewith exercise our sovereign right,
and declare the independence of
Slovakia.""At the conclusion of his declaration,
Dr. Tso asked the people to maintain
discipline and order, ending the
proclamation with the words: 'So
God help us'—Trans-Ocean."

HEALTH BULLETINS

Small-Pox Continues In
Colony's ReturnsThree cases of Small-pox, two each
of Diphtheria, Chicken-pox and
Dysentery, eight of Typhoid, 27 of
Tuberculosis, 11 of Measles, and six
of Meningitis, were reported on Mon-
day.The weekly return shows the following
notifiable diseases: 13 cases
of Small-pox with 11 deaths (two
imported), 12 of Diphtheria with six
deaths, three of Scarlet Fever, 10 of
Typhoid with four deaths, 60 of
Measles with 23 deaths, 12 of
Chicken-pox with two deaths (one
imported), 36 of Meningitis with
six deaths, 18 of Dysentery with
seven deaths, and 170 of Tuberculosis
with 64 deaths."

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Hong Kong, on TUESDAY, the
28TH MARCH, 1939, at 11.30 a.m.
for the purpose of receiving the
Report of the General Managers
together with a Statement of
Accounts for the year ended
31ST OCTOBER, 1938.The TRANSFER BOOKS of the
Company will be CLOSED from
SATURDAY, the 18TH MARCH,
1939, to TUESDAY, the 28TH
MARCH, 1939, both days inclusive.JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
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Notice to Shareholders

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Meeting of Shareholders will be
held at the Offices of the under-
signed on Friday, the 24th March,
1939, at Noon, for the purpose of
receiving the Report of the General
Managers, together with a state-
ment of Accounts for the year
ended the 31st December, 1938.The Share Register and Trans-
fer Books will be closed from the
10th to the 24th March, 1939, both
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Inspector, Victoria Peak Health Centre,
Wanchai; or the Inspector, 12, Sal-
Young Choi Street, 1st floor, Kow-
loon.All further steps will be taken, and
expenses borne, by the Society.The Informant's name will be
kept strictly private, except in cases
where malice is proved.

REGISTRY WEDDINGS

There were four weddings at the
Registry yesterday, Mr. T. J. Gould,
Deputy Registrar of Marriages, com-
mencing at each ceremony.Mr. Wu Wen-chow, assistant of the
South Western Transportation Co.,
Ltd., married Miss Betty Ho Tso-ying,
of 4 Dragon Terrace. The witnesses
were Messrs. T. S. Ho and Wu Lim-
po.Mr. Tsui Zui-lo, merchant, married
Miss Tung Ling-yung, of 24 Ice
House Street. The witnesses were
Mrs. Lin Shu-kwon and Mr. To
Ching-sing.Mr. Tse Wing-lu, clerk, married
Miss Fung Mu-yung, stenographer,
of 20 Tai Hang Road. The witnesses
were Messrs. Fung Yung-chi and Tse
Soo-yeo.Mr. Wu Do-hay, merchant, married
Miss Tai Kit-man, of 130 Fuk
Wing Street, Shamshui-po. The
witnesses were Messrs. Ng Sui and
Tse Yuet-po.

SOON TO WED

The following forthcoming
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William Henry George Hirst, civil
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(widower), Salvation Army Officer,
of 73 British Concession, Shamen,
Canton, and Mrs. Violet Elizabeth
Elliot (widow), Salvation Army
Officer, of 70 Singapore Road, Tien-
tien.Mr. Harry Con Fu, merchant, and
Miss Rachel Yim, of 107 Des Voeux
Road, Central; Mr. Tsang Ching-por,
ticket collector, of the Kowloon-
Canton Railway, and Miss Li Yee-
ping, of 152 Fu Yuen Street, Kow-
loon.

AQUARIUM SOCIETY

May be Absorbed Soon In
Natural History GroupA general meeting of the Aquarium
Society was held in a room on the
third floor of the Bank of East Asia
Building yesterday. Mr. R. E.
Slattery, acting as President in the
absence of Dr. G. A. Herklots, pre-
sided.Mr. Slattery said that he was glad
to see that although enthusiasm on
the part of some members seemed
to have fallen, there were still a good
few who took a keen interest in the
affairs of the Society.

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corresponding month of last year.The President has asked for \$150,000,000 additional
Relief funds.Air traffic during February was 15 per cent. over that
of the same month of 1938.Argentine Government-owned railways are negotiating
a barter arrangement with Germany for railway materials
in exchange for 100,000 tons of wheat.The Georgia Legislature has defeated the increased chain
store tax.

EARNINGS: Stock Period 1938

Canadian Pacific Railway Co. ... Yr. 31/12 \$1,200,000

International Nickel ... Yr. 31/12 \$2,00

North American Company ... Yr. 31/12 \$1,55

The Union Carbide & Carbon Corporation's 1938 earnings
are estimated at \$2,75 per share. The first-quarter's
earnings this year are estimated at \$0.50 per share.Consumption of rubber during February was 77 per cent.
over the corresponding month of 1938.

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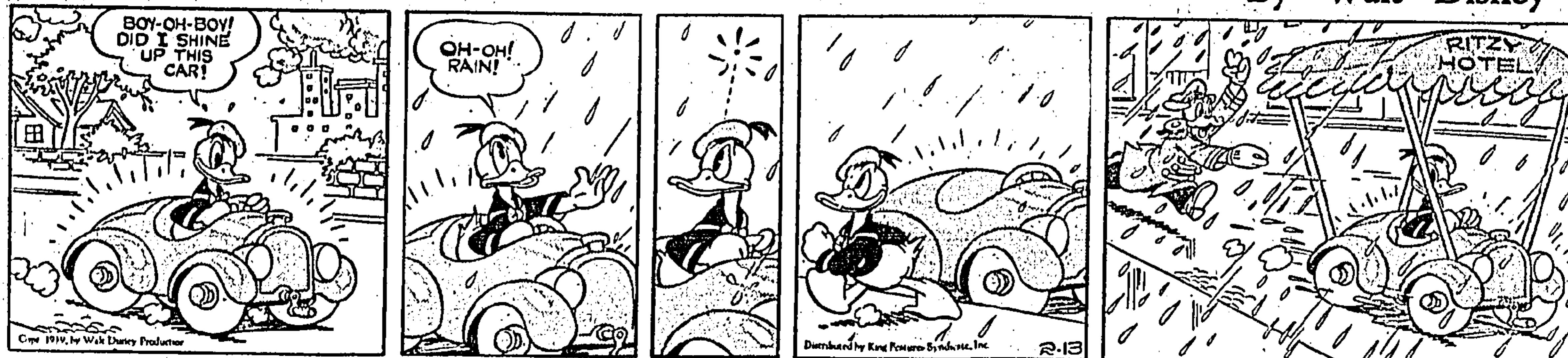
Straits and Europe via Suez (Papers etc.)—London date, 16th February and London Parcels—London date, 9th February)	Corfu ... March 15.
Manila ...	Emp. of Japan ... March 15.
Tientsin ...	Prominent ... March 15.
Japan and Shanghai	Aramis ... March 15.
Shanghai	City of Bedford ... March 16.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 8th March.	Imperial Airways Plane ... March 16.
U.S.A., Honolulu and Japan (San Francisco date, 18th February)	Pres. Garfield ... March 16.
Shanghai and Amoy	Sinkiang ... March 16.
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Shanghai	Kalyo Maru ... March 17.
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Air Mail by "Pan American Air- ways Direct Service"—San Fran- cisco date, 10th March.	Pan American Airways plane ... March 17.
Manila	Pleasantville ... March 17.
Japan and Shanghai	Rawalpindi ... March 17.
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Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 11th March.	Imperial Airways Plane ... March 18.
Manila and Straits	M/V Victoria ... March 18.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shang- hai (San Francisco date, 24th February).	Pres. Pierce ... March 18.
Shanghai and Amoy	Tjinegar ... March 18.

OUTWARD MAILS

Per Due Date and Time.

Wednesday	Shanghai and Dairen ... Neumark ... Wed, Mar. 15, 1.30 p.m.
	Swatow, Amoy, Chuanchow and Selstan ... Wed, Mar. 15, 3 p.m.
	parcels only for Straits ... Van Heutz ... Wed, Mar. 15, 5 p.m.
	Japan ... Shirala ... Wed, Mar. 15, 7 p.m.
Thursday	Kwangtung Thurs, Mar. 16, 9.30 a.m.
	Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London, 23rd March.
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DONALD DUCK



CENTRAL EUROPE'S NEW CRISIS: INDEPENDENCE OF SLOVAKIA DECLARED

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proclaimed is now being held. It is expected that immediately after the announcement of the Diet's decision the Central Government will resign. A police bulletin issued at Bratislava states that three were seriously injured in the night disturbances. A time bomb exploded this morning in the principal station at Prague and nine were injured.

There have been more incidents at Igau, where two Germans were killed in encounters with the police. German Storm Troopers have occupied a village near Igau.—Reuter.

Defending Frontier

Prague, Mar. 14. Guards have been sent urgently from Bratislava to the Slovak-Moravian frontier.—Reuter.

Prague Cabinet

Prague, Mar. 14. It is officially stated that the Cabinet has resigned. Political circles doubt if any new Cabinet will be formed.

All communication between Bratislava and Prague has been severed.—United Press.

Probable Re-shuffle

Prague, Mar. 14. The Cabinet Council has been convened for Tuesday to decide the question of a re-shuffling of the Beran Ministry.

Informants assert that the entire Cabinet will resign, whereupon President Hacha will request Premier Beran to form a new Government. It is reliably stated that the Minister of Defence, General Sirov, the Minister of Agriculture, M. Felebrand, and the Minister of Communications, General Elias, will not be included in the future ministry, and will be replaced by political personalities.

In political circles scepticism is expressed as to whether the reconstruction of the Cabinet will bring about an improvement of the situation. According to rumours current here, the leader of the Czech Fascists, General Gajda, will be offered a seat in the Cabinet.—Trans-Ocean.

Prague Preparations

Berlin, Mar. 14. The semi-official German News Agency Deutsches Nachrichten Bureau

TRAFFIC SUMMONSES
Lorry Driver Accused Of Rash Action

On a complaint lodged by Mr. W. S. V. Curtis, Young Po, driver of lorry No. 4534, was summoned before Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday for driving in a manner dangerous to the public at Castle Peak Road on February 9.

Sergeant J. Bethel said that while Mr. Curtis was driving along Castle peak road near the 12th milestone on the day in question, defendant came from behind in a lorry and sounded his horn. Mr. Curtis took no notice of it as he was nearing a double bend, but the lorry overtook his car and nearly pushed him off the road.

Defendant denied the offence, and said he passed Mr. Curtis because he had signalled he was going to stop. The case was adjourned to Friday at noon.

Unattended Car

Hans Augustesen, of 21 Hanover Road, was fined \$3 for leaving his car, No. 1330, unattended at Salisbury Road on February 20. Defendant said he left the car to go aboard a ship.

reports to-day at 2 p.m. Berlin time—Trans-Ocean:

Details have become known here of mobilisation measures of Czech troops in Bohemia, Moravia and Slovakia.

On the Stromleite heights near Pressburg running from the town to Theben, Czech soldiers have been busy since Monday night cutting down trees in feverish haste and preparing positions for machine guns as well as heavy artillery.

Strong detachments of infantry are moving along the road in the north-east to Olmec, followed by light field and armoured cars.

On the Brunn-Austerlitz-Botschowitz road motorised troops and transports have been visible for many hours. The troops are without regimental numbers on their shoulder straps and without regimental badges.

Czech troops have been concentrated in the Waagtal district where there are many important Slovak armament factories. The Slovak workers are determined to defend these works, which are indispensable for Slovakia's freedom, to the last man.

The Czech police have removed by force all surgical instruments from hospitals and clinics in Brunn.—Trans-Ocean.

A Look Through
The "Telegraph"

50 YEARS AGO

March 15, 1889. It is really very sad to know that there are over one million girls in England who are not likely to get married. The legal bigamy would doubtless solve the difficulty.

25 YEARS AGO

March 15, 1914. Lieutenant Bringe of the Army Flying Corps has broken the British altitude record by attaining a height of 16,000 feet at Eastchurch. At that height the atmosphere was 38 degrees below zero, and the intrepid aviator was severely frost-bitten.

General von Plettenburg, commanding the German Guards Corps, has issued a decree against the wearing of the peaked cap with both-breasted uniforms. Non-commissioned officers and men are to be informed that these appendages are unsuitable for Prussian soldiers and are not consonant with the German national character.

10 YEARS AGO

March 15, 1929. At the annual meeting of shareholders of the German Iron and Steel Co. Ltd., Mr. R. G. Shewan, who presided, reported that the demand for cement for the past three months had been so heavy that orders had to be turned away.

In addition, the government is quietly hoarding essential commodities, such as wheat, sugar and whale oil. The granaries and warehouses are already bursting with sufficient supplies for at least six months, it is estimated.

BRITAIN PREPARES
HER DEFENCES FOR
THE NEXT CRISIS

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are now to have the telephone installed for such an emergency.

As long ago as November, 1936, food plans were initiated. In that month the Food (Defence Plans) department was set up by the Ministry of Agriculture to control the supply and distribution of food in war-time.

Ration cards for the staple foods, such as bread, meat, butter, sugar and tea, similar to those used in the world war, were printed months ago in millions. It is claimed under inc

renewal of the rationing scheme will not be necessary.

The department has divided Britain into 18 divisions, with a food control committee in each town or district. These committees, mainly composed of local tradesmen, would have absolute power in an emergency. One thousand five hundred local officers have already been appointed.

It is estimated that the organization could swing into action within 24 hours, and have the rationing scheme operating in three or four weeks, compared with six months in our world war.

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SECRET PURCHASES

The government made their purchases secretly, through agents, in the open market. It was kept quiet so as not to raise prices, and also to prevent profiteering. Eventually, the government itself had to let out of the big, when, in order to obtain the money to pay for its purchases, it got parliament to pass the Essential Commodities Act in 1938.

It is claimed that if war broke out, there would be sufficient supplies for everybody until a system of supplies from the Empire and elsewhere could get into operation.

For this purpose the merchant marine is being equipped with gun platforms and anti-aircraft paravane gear. The naval estimates for 1939-40 contain an item of £600,000 for this work.

The gun platforms are being built in the stumps of the ships only. All other European countries have them too, and are, thus affording them the opportunity to attack us as well as defend.

On February 9, the Registrar-General, Sir Sylvanus P. Vivian, issued instructions to all local authorities to quicken their preparations for a census "within a year" by instituting a national register, if and when necessary, on very short notice.

March 15, 1934. The still smouldering burning out wreath of the U.S.S. Fulton was this morning being towed slowly towards Junk Bay after a night providing one of the most thrilling naval adventures during peace-time on the China Coast.

Extreme coolness and discipline in the face of a perilous situation—by the officers and men of H.M.S. "Fulton"—was instrumental in preventing the loss of a single life.

H.M.S. Wishart, finding the Fulton blazing beacon-like with over a hundred men still aboard, resorted to the dangerous "ramming" in attempting to smother her bows in so doing, but enabling the imperilled men to jump from ship to ship.

Twice in heavy seas, the manoeuvre was repeated, once at the bows of the Fulton, and once at the stern, the burning gimbals having been divided into two separate sections.

The fire broke out in the engine room. An exhaust pipe blew out, igniting oil round the engines, the flames darting across to the oil tank, which exploded scattering blazing oil in all directions.

Contractors were in dispute before Mr. Justice R. E. Lindsell, Puisne Judge at the Supreme Court yesterday, when the Yee Hing Cheung Firm, of 99 Gloucester Road, claimed \$593 from the Hong Nam Company, of 28 Lee Yuen Street East, as balance owing for work done.

Mr. C. A. S. Russ appeared for plaintiffs and Mr. Alfred Y. Ho represented defendants.

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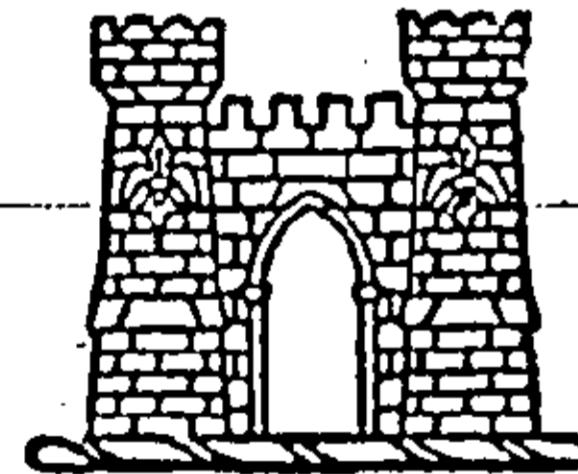
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Italy's Claims

ITALY tells France and Great Britain that her dispute with France will be settled by diplomatic means and not by the sword.

What does that mean? If the verbal promise, which will be confirmed later this week in official Notes, is what "United Press" will have us believe, it means that one of Europe's greatest dangers has been removed.

Mussolini is a dictator who keeps his word. If he says the sword will remain sheathed, there will be no war between France and Italy in settling a territorial dispute that has lasted since the Italian kingdom came into existence in 1860 under the House of Savoy.

What is the basis of Italy's claims?

She claims that in 1858 she made a deal with Napoléon III, of France, whereby, in exchange for French help in driving the Austrians out of the northern Italian provinces of Lombardy and Venice, she should concede to France the Commune of Nice and the Duchy of Savoy.

This Italy did, but Napoléon signed the treaty of Villafranca with the Austrians when only Lombardy had been captured. Venice—that prize to be matched only with the Nice that the Italians had ceded—was left in Austrian hands.

That is the basis of the Italian claim to these two parts of France.

Of Tunisia, she says this was her first effort in African colonisation when she began to feel her feet as a Mediterranean Power.

All went well until 1881, when France, who was colonising the neighbouring territory of Algeria, sent a punitive expedition to quell native rebels. The rebels retreated to the hinterland of Tunis, whereupon the French marched into Tunis, occupied the whole territory, and declared it to be a French protectorate.

That constitutes Italy's claim to Tunisia, she says.

Of Tunisian, she says this was her first effort in African colonisation when she began to feel her feet as a Mediterranean Power.

Then I discovered what was the matter. The inkstand was not silent. Its clock ticked dammably.

I took my inkstand back to the jewellers, and would they change it?

They would.

They produced something like the Taj Mahal with cupolas for black, red, mauve, and green inks! It had no clock. It cost twenty dollars more.

This I bore off, and all the following has been at the instigation of, I think, the third cupola. The mauve one! Yes, I am certainly writing like Beverley, in spite of which I am extremely happy, idiotically happy. Life, which previously was empty, is now full.

I feel that if somebody were to offer me the real Taj Mahal I should refuse it. I regard with infinite contempt anybody who does not possess an inkpot modelled after the Taj Mahal and costing one hundred and eight dollars and ninety-two cents.

What reader, is your inkstand?

Let me put it another way. What piece of wild extravagance are you contemplating, but from committing which you are restrained by your prudence, some ingrained habit of economy, or even your wife?

Is it a new set of matched irons, though you are in arrears with your debts at the club? Is it a four-fold cast of straightgrained briars? Is it a radio?

If you are a woman, is it that you dear friends so much chafing handbag which will cause

practically the whole of Europe, including the British Isles.

In which case, of course, Italy

has solid foundation for claiming

the whole of Europe, including the British Isles.

It's Spring,
so give yourself
a treat . . .

OR

why I paid \$100
for an inkstand

can be drawn through the eye of a You cannot pronounce the word
bodkin? without wrinkling the nose. Yet

is it a pair of shoes so high in the It is an admirable quality, provided
heat that they make your ankles he who possesses it knows when to
predece your toes like a worm out tell it to get out.

And Life can begin again. It is a great happiness

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They have cleared up the straw in the passage. You cannot pronounce the word

Balkan Pact

Sofia, Mar. 14. The Bulgarian Premier, M. Ritsoshevsky, is leaving tomorrow for Ankara at the invitation of the Turkish Government.

Bulgarian political circles believe that Turkey will make another attempt to secure the admission of Bulgaria into the Balkan pact by finding a formula which will meet the Bulgarian territorial and other claims respecting Dobruja, and an outlet into the Aegean Sea.—Reuter.

Spain**Republican Soldiers Sent Home****Madrid Junta Seeks Honourable Peace**

Madrid, Mar. 14. The Madrid Defence Junta has ordered demobilisation of the 1915 and 1916 classes, as well as of all persons called up during the last few weeks to serve in various auxiliary services.

Spainards, the Madrid wireless announced, would now be able to face Spaniards with the object of making peace.

Now in Spanish quarters point out that the Government of Spain is still demanding the unconditional capitulation of the Republicans as a preliminary to the termination of hostilities.—Trans-Ocean.

Casado Seeking Peace

Madrid, Mar. 14. General Casado stated to-day that the Loyalist Defence Council expected France to attack the city at any time and that the Loyalists were prepared to fight, though preferring an honorable peace.

Regarding discussion of peace terms, he said, "The Council knows the people want their national sovereignty to be respected, that there can be no reprisals, and that once peace is signed harmony must reign among Spaniards. Since the people want this, and we want it too, we will do all possible to achieve it."

"That is my fundamental decision."

—United Press.

STORY OF BELLWYN

Gibraltar, Mar. 14. One of the first detailed descriptions as to how the British steamers Bellwyn and Stangate were stopped by a Nationalist Spanish warship was given by the Bellwyn's captain, Percy Evans.

In an interview, Captain Evans said: "Reports were received that General Franco intended to fire and sink all vessels in the vicinity of the Spanish coast. Thereupon, three steamers decided to quit Valencia—the United States vessel *Erica Reed* for Marseilles and the Bellwyn and Stangate for Gibraltar.

"When 23 miles north-west of Cape Santon, in a Spanish cruiser appeared and flashed her searchlights on the Stangate, signalling her to proceed to Palma. The Stangate changed course towards Palma. She had no wireless aboard.

"The cruiser then flashed similar instructions to the Bellwyn. I acknowledged the message, but continued on the course to Gibraltar. Seeing I had not complied, the cruiser began to circle around at full speed and simultaneously flashed her searchlights. I ignored the threats, whereupon the cruiser came so close to our bows that we nearly collided, and at the same time she fired a shot. I continued, ignoring everything. I signalled by Morse to the Stangate, 'I am not submitting but proceeding Gibraltar. I have wireless for assistance! I would have had the Bellwyn sunk rather than surrender to the Spanish ship."—United Press.

TO RECOVER TREASURES

Burgos, Mar. 14. The National Spanish Government has appointed a commission which will leave Spain for France to-day to recover all of the Spanish art works, jewels, gold and other money deposited in French banks by the former Spanish officials. The commission is headed by Senor Joaquin Ruiz, who is in charge of the National Spanish debt, and consists of Senor Cesar Arancho, Vice-Governor of the Bank of Spain, and Senor Vicente Arto, as representative of the Spanish private banks.

Another commission which will take over and return to Spain all material and military equipment which the Republican troops took across the French frontier has already arrived in France.—Trans-Ocean.

HAPSBURG PROPERTY

Vienna, Mar. 14. A decree formally compensating all the Hapsburg property in favour of the German State will be published on Tuesday.—Reuter.

Spelling Bee

HOW many of these words are correct and what is wrong with the others?

trojectory tranquill

windage insulation

English Oxford Dictionary spelling of these words will be found on page 9.

THE OVERNIGHT NEWS PAGE**CENTRAL EUROPE'S NEW CRISIS: INDEPENDENCE OF SLOVAKIA DECLARED**

The Slovakian Council under M. Tiso has declared the complete independence of the state from the Prague Government and has appealed to the Reich for aid. German soldiers are reported to be already crossing the border.

The Carpatho-Ukraine has made a similar declaration and appeal and Hungarian troops are invading Czech territory.

The Prague cabinet is expected to resign. Unofficial sources state that the Czech Government has accepted the demands for Slovak autonomy and the dismissal of General Sirov, Czech Defence Minister.

British interest is said to be turning towards Poland and Hungary and their possible action if Germany allows, or orders, further dismemberment of Czechoslovakia; while it is generally agreed in London that the Anglo-French guarantee regarding the post-Munich boundaries of Czechoslovakia does not arise at the present juncture.

24-Hour Ultimatum

Berlin, Mar. 14. A 24-hour ultimatum from Herr Hitler, threatening stern measures, has set the stage for the further dismemberment of Czechoslovakia by amputating Slovakia and Carpatho-Ukraine. This means the loss of two-thirds of Czechoslovakia and more than half the population since the Munich Agreement.

Informed circles state that formal announcement will be made this morning before the extraordinary session of the Slovak Parliament at Bratislava.—United Press.

German Hate Campaign

Berlin, Mar. 14. Building up for to-day's climax, the afternoon papers carry such headlines as "How much longer?" "Europe's bonfire," "Rising disgust at wild terror," "Unbearable."

One editorial says that the situation in the German race group in Czechoslovakia is getting worse every hour. Responsibility before the forum of Europe and the world are solely and alone the Czechs. Czechoslovakia has become Europe's bonfire through a stream of hate against everything German.—United Press.

Berlin Press Allegations

Berlin, Mar. 14. The tone of the German press comments on events in Czechoslovakia grows steadily sharper. The situation in Slovakia has been relegated relatively to background in news of the day by messages from various parts of Czech territory which report attacks by Czech police and civilians on members of the German minority group.

"Germans are once more in distress," announces a four-column heading on the front-page of the *Lokal-Anzeiger* to-day. "Czech mobbers Swastika flags to pieces," "Brutal assaults in Igau, Brno and Olomouc," and "Cheers for Benes" are other typical heading which appear in the German press.

"The Czechs old hatred for the Germans has again broken out," says the *Lokal-Anzeiger* which points out that the Czechs have learned nothing from past experiences. Germans have been arrested and in the most brutal manner maltreated, knocked down with truncheons, wounded, persecuted and insulted. The German national emblem, the Swastika flag, has been torn down. The German minority was refused protection of any kind and German language papers were subjected to ruthless censorship."

The *Vorlichter Beobachter* addresses extremely grave warning to the Prague Government in view of our attacks on 350,000 people of the German race who are still living in the Czechoslovak republic. "In Brno, which for many centuries belonged to the German peoples, and which still has more than 60,000 German inhabitants, a mob of alien people apparently believes that it can attack with impunity Germans who protest loyalty to symbols of National Socialism Germany, and provoke these Germans in a shameless manner, insulting them, knocking them down and maltreating them till blood flows." The Czech Police watches these excesses with complete passivity. This is a naturally intolerable situation for members of the German nation twenty kilometres from the frontiers of the Reich and therefore for entire German nation.—United Press.

Aerial Activity

Vienna, Mar. 14. An unusual number of military airplanes have been flying over and near Vienna since dawn.—United Press.

Army's Route

Berlin, Mar. 14. It is reported from Vienna that the German Army will probably move in along the Vienna-Breslau line already ceded by Prague as a German express highway.—United Press.

Troop Movements

Budapest, Mar. 14. Reports received here from Eperjes in Slovakia state that considerable contingents of Czech troops passed through the city all day yesterday and this morning in the direction of the Carpatho-Ukraine frontier.

One of the Czech troops trains became derailed near the city when the wrong switch was pulled.

Shanghai**WITHDRAWAL OF U.S. TROOPS DEMANDED**

Washington, Mar. 14. Japanese-American clashes in the International Settlement of Shanghai have prompted Senators J. H. Lewis and R. B. Reynolds to demand withdrawal of all the United States troops from the Orient, terming their presence in the war zone "a threat to peace."

The Senators said that the United States commercial stake is too small to warrant the presence of the troops. Senator David I. Walsh challenged their statement, asserting that withdrawal of troops would violate international agreements and leave the United States unprotected, "which is tantamount to withdrawing policemen from the streets of Washington and expecting law and order to continue as before. We have definite obligations in the Settlement," he said.

The first news of the formation of the new Government was made known to the outside world by the Vienna broadcasting station.

The new Government includes Dr. Tiso, Dr. Sidor and M. Durcansky as Minister of Propaganda.

There was a rush on the banks at Bratislava this morning and a decree had to be immediately issued that only 800 Slovak crowns could

Soldiers Killed

Singapore, Mar. 14. One was killed and three seriously injured in a shell explosion at Pulau Tekong, fortified island off Changi, during firing practice in connection with the manoeuvres.

The dead man was Gunner James Murray, 20. He and the others belong to the 22nd Heavy Battery, Ninth Heavy Regiment, Royal Artillery.—United Press.

Palestine**POSTPONE PROBLEM FOR YEAR****American Zionists' Suggestion**

London, Mar. 14. The Times confirms that Monday's Cabinet session formulated final proposals for the solution of the Palestine problem, but hints that the Government probably will not make this word "final" in too strict a sense of the term.

The situation now seems to be that from the English side the present proposals are regarded as the "final discussion basis."

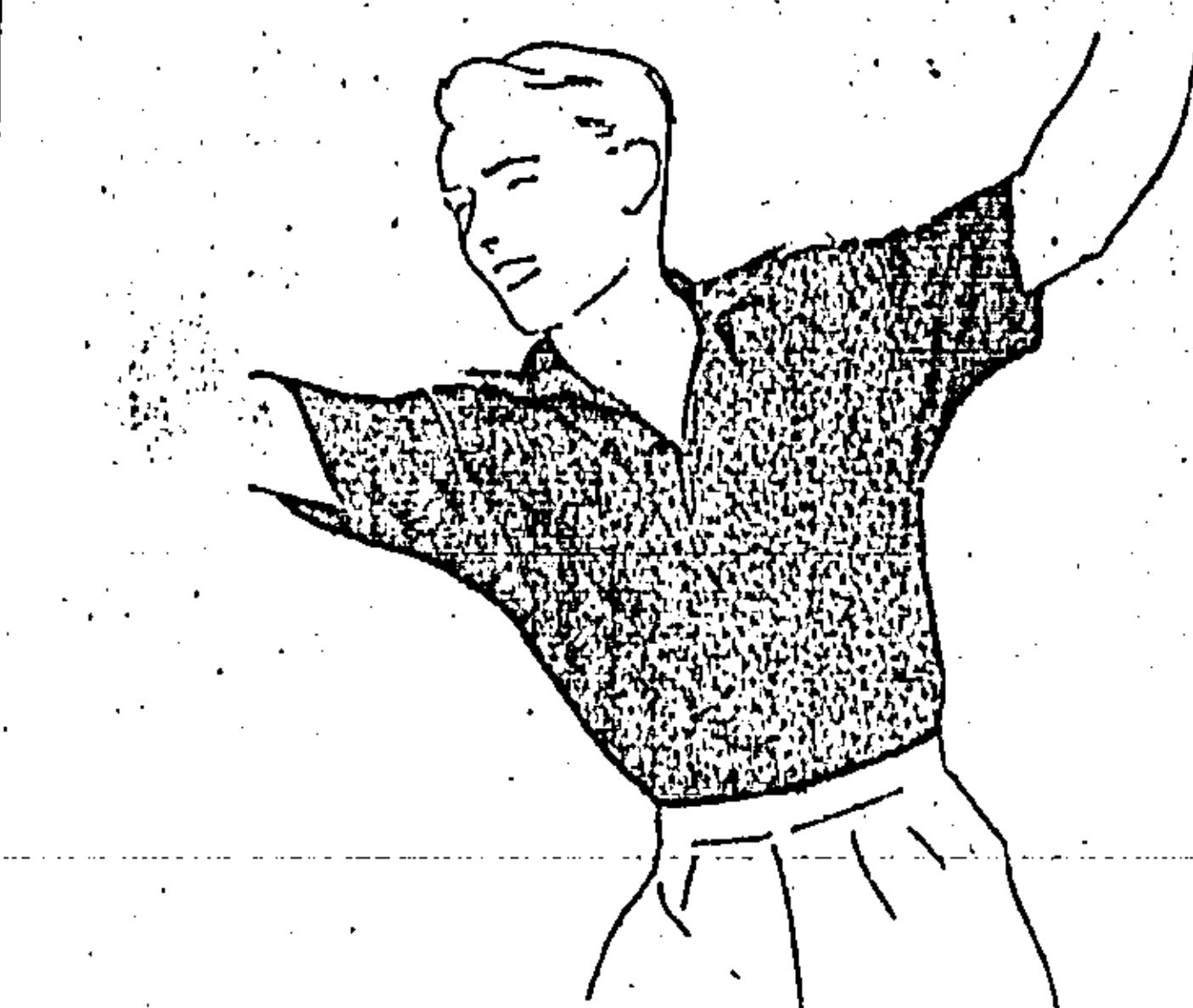
The new document will probably be handed to the Arabs on Wednesday and to the Jews on the same day but later. Both delegations will then meet again separately for discussion of these proposals. Should no agreement be reached, the Secretary for Colonies, Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, will, according to *The Times*, immediately publish a "forced solution" in the form of a white paper.—Trans-Ocean.

American Zionists

London, Mar. 14. A postponement of the settlement of the Palestine question by at least a year is proposed by representatives of the American Zionists as the result of the British proposals for a solution of the problem, so it was stated in conference circles on Tuesday.

The American Zionists base their proposal on the expectation that by that time the international situation will have quietened down and the unrest in Palestine will come to an end. The dissent of the Zionist representatives with the British proposals also finds expression in a report in the *Daily Herald*, which states that if the rumours of the creation of an independent Palestine state to be set up after a certain transitional period should prove true, the American Zionists would open a great propaganda campaign against England. For this eventuality an extraordinary Zionist World Congress had already been convened to meet in Washington next month in order to make a direct appeal to the democracies and the United States, so as to prevent the "defrauding" of the Jewish people.—Trans-Ocean.

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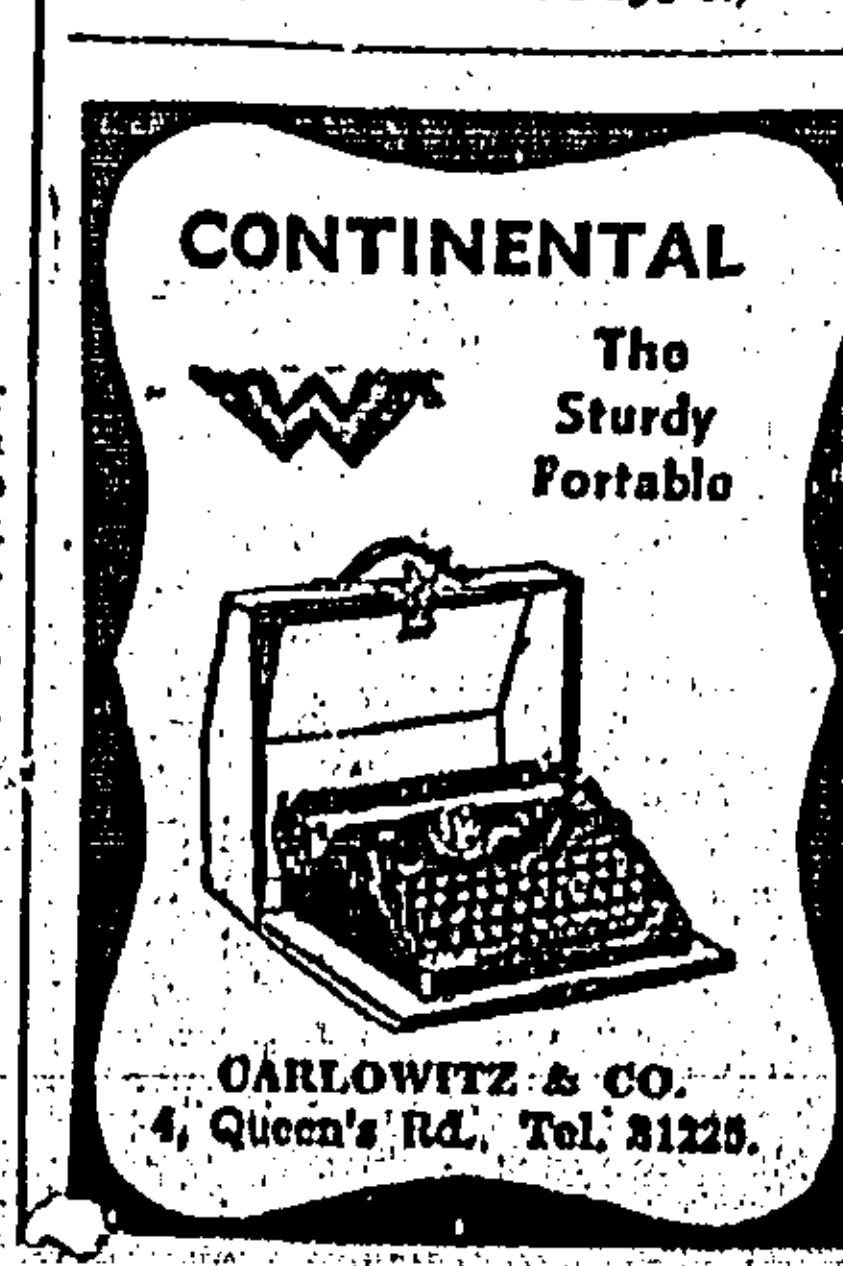
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RUMJAHN COUSINS SUPPLY MORE THRILLS IN DOUBLES

Outplayed At First But Recover Well To Win

(By "Abo")

No greater compliment can be paid to the Rumjahn cousins, "S. A." and "H. D." than to say that after 14 years of continuous partnership they are still as delightful to watch as they were in 1925 when, as mere striplings, they entered the Colony Tennis Championships together for the first time.

Then, they were fresh from their Club successes and were looking for new worlds to conquer. Since 1925 they have won every conceivable honour in local tennis; yet instead of interest in them being on the wane, it remains as warm as ever. The reason for this probably is that there is a quality in their play which keeps one's interest sustained, whether they are winning or losing.

Yesterday's programme in the current tournament provided another example of why the Rumjahn cousins still succeed in drawing the crowd. For the first half of their match against the Chinese R.C. pair, Lee Wal-tong and Iu Tak-cheuk, they looked likely to be eliminated in the second round—a thing which has never happened during the 14 successive seasons in which they have participated in the doubles championship. But it turned out to be the same old story; they finally recovered to win by the odd set.

WINNERS FORTUNATE

In some respects, it has to be admitted, the Rumjahns were fortunate yesterday. Half-way through their match, a slight drizzle began to fall, making the court very slippery; and the Rumjahns, being the more agile pair, were not affected to the same extent as their opponents, though the only player to fall was "H. D.", who did so while attempting to receive an acutely angled volley. Furthermore, the rain must have been a bother to Iu Tak-cheuk, who was wearing glasses. At any rate, it was evident that he did not play as well during and after the fall as he had done before.

The Rumjahns conceded the first set not because they played in a light-hearted manner as they so often do but because they were beaten by a pair who played the better tennis. Indeed so well were Lee and Iu playing in the first set that hopes of their causing an upset rose very high. The Chinese countered hard drives with magnificent volleys and lobs with smashes which cleared the side-lines.

While Iu imparted a great deal of speed and angle to his smashes and volleys, Lee was more varied and often caught the Rumjahns unawares with stop volleys and drop shots.

But as so often the case, the Rumjahns began to play better when they scented danger of defeat. Mistakes were reduced to a minimum, their lobs were always of a depth to inspire respect, and slowly but inexorably they pulled up, and once the set was squared, the odds were on them winning.

A GREAT FIGHT

However, they did not win the second set without a fight. Services were held until 3-3 was called, and then they broke through Iu's service, but to the horror of the Rumjahns' supporters, the C.R.C. pair won the next six points in a row to snatch the game, which meant that instead of having a lead of 5-3, the Rumjahns were checked at 4-4. The set had only been delayed, as it proved for they broke through Lee's service and then "H. D." held his to win out in the tenth game.

Results Of Matches Played Yesterday

The following were the results of matches played yesterday:

Doubles

S. A. and H. D. Rumjahn beat Lee Wal-tong and Iu Tak-cheuk 2-6, 6-4, 6-2.

Paul Kong and B. Szeto beat J. W. Leonard and G. Choa 6-4, 6-0.

I. M. A. Razack and A. R. Minu beat Chan Kam-moon and Wong Fuk-nam 6-1, 6-1.

Singles

S. W. Liang beat N. A. E. Mackay 6-3, 6-2.

F. H. Kwok beat P. S. Leong 6-3, 6-2.

Luk Chun-cheong beat C. R. Bax 6-3, 3-6, 6-2.

W. K. Ma beat T. A. Pearce 9-7, 6-3.

Though play in parts reached a high level, the third set was something of an anti-climax. After 2-2 had been reached, the Rumjahns won the next four games for the set and match. The Chinese resistance weakened considerably in the last few games; even Lee, who had been the steadiest of the four, began to make mistakes, and Iu was caught with the ball at his feet on several occasions as he went hesitantly up to the net.

On the whole, it was a splendid game, providing enough excitement for the large gallery, the majority of whom must have expected a sensational upset after the first set.

EASY VICTORIES

J. W. Leonard and George Choa, who reached the semi-finals last season, were put out by Paul Kong and Szeto Bick in the second round yesterday. The latter pair won with surprising ease by scores of 6-4, 6-0.

The strong all-round game of the winners told its tale. Kong and Szeto revealed few weaknesses yesterday, and on this form, they should go far.

An I.R.C. pair, A. R. Minu and I.M.A. Razack, had little difficulty in accounting for Chan Kam-moon and Wong Fuk-nam of the South China A.A., who were out-classed.

The singles ties provided little over which to enthuse, the results being more or less as expected.

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME

The following is the programme to-day:

Lin Thiam-tei v. Lee Yue-wing

H. C. Gao v. George Choa

E. C. Fletcher v. Paul Kong



SENSATIONAL RISE OF SAM SNEAD

Los Angeles, Feb. 20. Only three quick years removed from the obscurity of his native West Virginia hills, swingin' Sammy Snead won the Harry Vardon memorial trophy and official recognition as America's foremost professional golfer.

The slope-shouldered hill-country boy, named by experts as possibly the greatest man with a driver and a putter since the sport was invented, won the coveted title in a walkaway with 520 points or 141 more than the runner-up, Paul Runyan of White Plains, N. Y.

Additionally he took prize money of \$10,534.40 or more than twice that of his nearest competitor in that field, John Revolta, of Evanston, Ill.

The Vardon ratings were released by Fred Corcoran, tournament manager of the P. G. A., who said Snead's earnings constituted an all-time record in this country. The ratings are based on the positions in which the golfers finished in all fixtures sponsored by the P. G. A. Harry Cooper of Chicopee, Mass., won the trophy a year ago when Snead was third.



Sam Snead

Others in the first 10 and their winnings were: Runyan, 370 points

(\$7,050); Jimmy Hines of Garden City, New York, 318 points; Ralph Guldin of Madison, N. J., 310 points (\$5,007); Harry Ward of Hershey, Pa., 274 points (\$4,050); Cooper 270 points (\$3,840); Royola 265 points (\$9,053); Byron Nelson of Rounding Pa., 238 points (\$5,450); Vic Chezzi of Den N. J., 207 points (\$4,651) and Henton Smith of Oak Park, Ill., 203 points (\$4,183).

SNEAD VS. THE FIELD
Snead's ascent to the throne was perhaps the most rapid on record. Although he started swinging a driver stick when he was eight years old, he was unknown beyond the city limits of White Sulphur Springs, W. Va., until 1930.

He never won a tournament until he captured the Oakland, Cal., open with a 270 in 1937, then added Bing Crosby's open and pro-amateur the next year. Since then the tournaments have been reduced to Snead against the field. British United

Oxford University Beaten At Rugby

London, Mar. 14. Cardiff, to-day, defeated Oxford University at rugby, winning by 24 points to 16. Reuter

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RECREIO BADMINTON PLAYERS MAY PAY A VISIT TO SHANGHAI

Ladies Should Hold Their Own Up North

(By "The Bird")

Although it has not been possible either to arrange for a Hongkong Interport badminton team to visit Shanghai this year, or for Shanghai to send a side down to the Colony, I am told that there is a distinct possibility that a team from the Club de Recreio will journey to Shanghai next month, or early May to play a series of matches with clubs in the northern port.

The following were the results of the matches played at Talcoo last evening:

SENIOR SINGLES

F. Koh beat T. F. Yong 17-16, 18-17.

MEN'S DOUBLES

P. S. Bun and M. S. Lim beat D. Kwok and F. H. Kwok 17-16, 18-17.

Last Evening's Matches

The Recreio hope to be able to send their four strongest lady players—Miss M. Silva, Miss M. Alberio, Miss O. Ribeiro and Miss Xavier (who also plays for Kowloon Tong).

According to Shanghai reports, Hongkong lady players are stronger than their representatives, and this was supported to a certain extent when Shanghai players performed in Hongkong two years ago.

It is certain, therefore, that if they do make the journey, the Recreio ladies will worthily uphold the name of Hongkong badminton in Shanghai.

At the moment, only two men players are likely to make the trip—M. A. Oliveira and J. J. Remedios.

It is planned to play mixed and ladies' doubles matches against clubs such as the Lusitano Club and the French Club.

The team will seek the official approval of the Badminton Association, although it will not go to Shanghai as a representative Hongkong side.

CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES RE-ARRANGED

Only one or two matches remain outstanding before the semi-final brackets in the four championship events are filled.

On Friday, M. A. Oliveira and L. Carvalho will play off their men's

doubles tie with L. Sung and T. F. Yong at Talcoo.

It should be noted that the second previously announced match for this evening, Au and Koh v. Ho and Ho has already been played off.

On Tuesday next P. K. Hui and Miss Ultim Koo will play off their postboxed mixed doubles tie with A. Oliveira and Miss R. Summers. Miss Koo has been in hospital for some time, but she hopes to be well enough to turn out on Tuesday next.

This match will be played at Talcoo, followed on the same night by the re-arranged singles match between M. Oliveira and K. L. Tong.

If these revised fixtures, as well as the matches arranged for to-night are played off, it will be possible to stage the semi-finals during the end of next week and the beginning of the following week, and the Association will be able to complete the championships by the end of March, thus making the way clear for the rest of the league programme.

There is bound to be a play-off between Recreio and University for the mixed doubles, and the position is not yet clear in the "B" Division, where a slip-up by Chung Wah will probably necessitate a play-off.

To-night's championship matches are as follows:

AT CLUB DE RECREIO

D. Kwok v. A. Kooyen at 8 p.m.

C. Au v. S. F. Hon at 8.30 p.m.

C. Au and Miss Remedios v. A. L. Fisher and Mrs. Clark at 9 p.m.

Fifth Cricket Test Now Abandoned?

M.C.C. Tourists Close To Sensational Win

Needing 696 runs in the fourth innings to win the Fifth Cricket Test against South Africa at Durban, the M.C.C. had scored 654 for five wickets by tea-time yesterday. Heavy rain and poor light during the interval made resumption of play impossible.

A report, not officially confirmed, states that owing to the necessity for the team to sail for England the Test had to be abandoned as a draw. If this is the case, it is particularly unfortunate for the tourists because they now need only 24 runs to win with five wickets in hand.

Peculiar though this report appears to be, it gains credence owing to the fact that according to the official fixtures of the team, the programme was due to conclude with a match against West Province, which was to have been played on March 11, 13 and 14. The Test, however, has dragged on for 11 days, having started on March 3.

Durban, Mar. 14. The M.C.C. tourists gained further fame to-day by establishing a world record score for the fourth innings of 678 for 3 at the lunch interval, beating the 572 made by New South Wales against South Australia in Sydney in the 1907-8 season.

It was also England's highest Test score against South Africa, beating the 559 for 9 declared at Capetown on January 9.

There was a small crowd of 300 when Hammond (58) and Paynter (24) resumed their innings. The poor attendance was due to the threatening weather. The wicket appeared to be wearing at the ends, but it was playing easy.

The 600 was hoisted after 200 minutes of play and when 524 was registered Hammond had scored 73 and Paynter 32.

Paynter had made 52 including a couple of fours when the partnership gave 100 runs in 162 minutes.

Melville, the home captain, planned his bat on the pace of the bowlers, but this made no impression on the batsmen who took no risks.

Lunch was taken with the score 578 for 3, Hammond's score now being 93 and Paynter's 68.

Afternoon's Play

The crowd had increased to 1,500 after lunch, with the weather dull.

Hammond reached his 100 in 273

minutes and he had hit three boundaries. A feature of his play was the grand driving to cover and his cutting.

The 602 was reached in 748 minutes. Just when the South Africans looked disconsolate and a beaten side, Paynter edged a ball from Gordon into Grievson's hands, 611 for 4. His 75, which included five fours, was made in an aggressive innings marked by fine driving.

At this stage there was a couple of stoppages owing to rain, Ames having joined partnership with Hammond.

The score was taken to 650 when Hammond was stumped by Grievson on Dalton. Dalton made 140, including seven fours. He stayed at the wicket for 339 minutes.

Valentine joined Ames and they carried the total to 654 for 5 when tea was taken. Ames having scored 17 and Valentine 4. The tourists now needed 42 runs to win and they had five wickets in hand.

Scores:

South Africa—First Innings 530

Second Innings 401

M.C.C.—First Innings 316

M.C.C.—2nd Innings 562

Hutton, b. Mitchell 55

Gibb, b. Dalton 125

Edrich, c. Gordon, b. Langton 219

Hammond, st. Grievson, b. Dalton 140

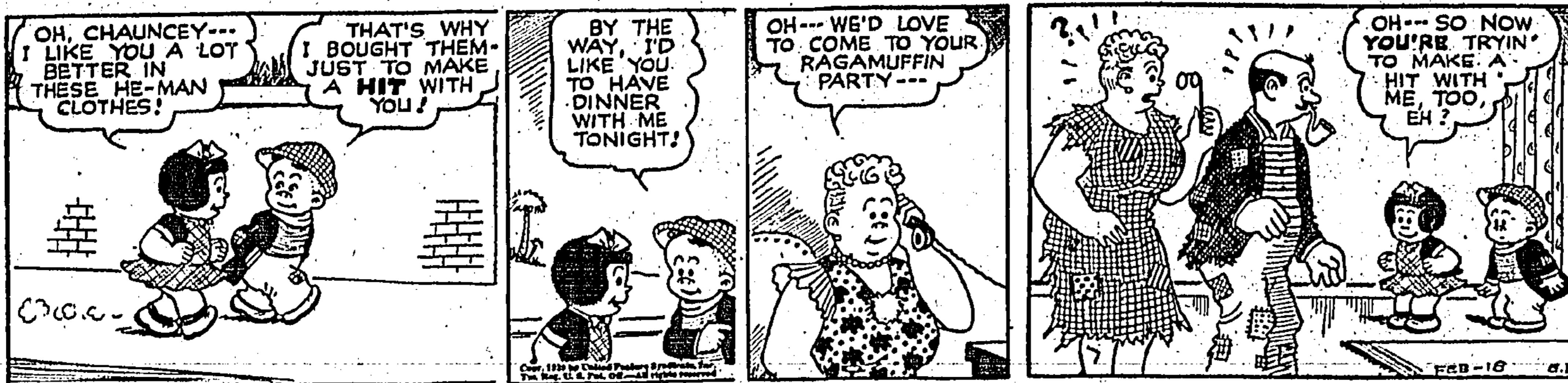
Paynter, c. Grievson, b. Gordon 75

Ames, not out 17

Valentine, not out 4

Extras 18

NANCY



By Ernie Bushmiller

Slogans Can Help Golfers A Great Deal

AN AID TO BETTER CONCENTRATION

Latest Is: "Stay Behind The Shot"

London, Feb. 14.

James Hines, Metropolitan Open champion, is regarded as almost a certain choice for the United States team to meet Great Britain in this year's Ryder Cup match.

A powerfully built young man of similar physique to R. A. Whitcombe, British Open champion, Hines has gained a reputation as one of the mighty hitters.

Weighing 14 stones, he thinks nothing of rapping out 280 yards drives even with the larger American ball which, in theory, is not supposed to travel as far as the smaller British ball.

He uses a 14½-oz. driver which is considerably heavier than the normal weight. Unless unusually strong in the hands, wrists, and forearms it is inadvisable to employ a driver of that weight, the tendency being for the club to swing the player instead of conversely.

There is a mistaken notion that the heavier the club the longer the drive; actually the exact opposite is the case, writes a correspondent.

The chief factor of length is speed of clubhead at impact—the greater the speed the greater the length. For the average player the maximum weight is 13½ oz., the best results being obtained with a club of 13 oz.

Inexperienced and ill-informed players should be warned that it does not follow because Hines can hit tremendous distances with a heavy club, they can do the same. Hines is an interesting personality, being the chief exponent of the style known as "staying behind the shot."

Americans are fond of slogans which have their use if only to help the player to concentrate on one thing at a time. One of the most

SPORT ADVTS

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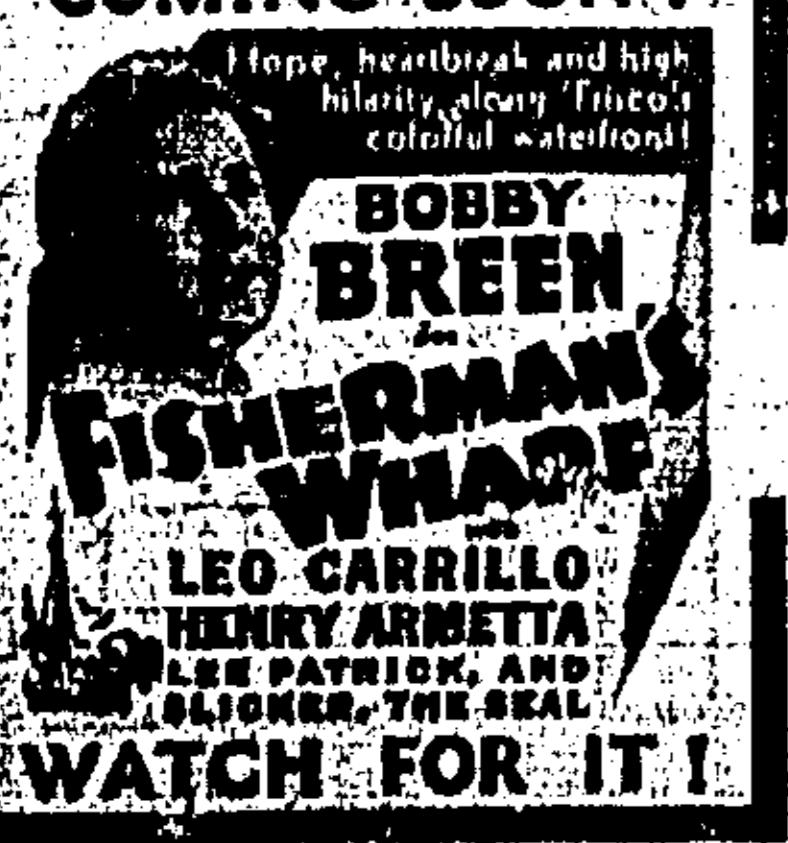
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By Order, C. B. BROWN,
Secretary
Hongkong, 13th March, 1939.

COMING SOON!



143,982 PAID £11,269 TO SEE F.A. CUP "SERIAL"

By Charles Buchan

London, Feb. 3.

After five and a half hours of strenuous football spread over three games, West Ham United beat Tottenham Hotspur yesterday in the replayed fourth round F.A. Cup tie at Highbury.

In the second period of extra time at the Arsenal Stadium, more than one-third of the gross receipts is paid away.

Proof that Cup ties are the biggest attraction in football is given by the fact that there were 14,000 more people present than at the important League game between Arsenal and Wolverhampton Wanderers the previous day.

Each club will be richer, as a result of the ties, to the extent of about £3,500.

The F.A. takes 5 per cent. of the receipts at each replay, while roughly one-sixth is paid in entertainment tax.

ALL PAY

With the expenses for the three games, including the fee for playing

another secret

It may be that some other golfer by strict adherence to the exhortation contained in the phrase, "Stay behind the shot," will make similar rapid progress.

Hines claims that it is the secret of long hitting and good golf in general. Allowing the body to move forward in the direction of the hole as the downward movement of the hands is made is one of the main reasons why the "rabbit" remains a "rabbit."

The principal symptom is body sway and the failure to keep the head at its anchorage during the back swing. Further, the left side is allowed to give way, a condition not surprising since too much of the weight of the body is shifted to the right leg.

In these circumstances, there is not sufficient time to get it back and build up a firmly braced left leg and side.

Because the ball in relation to the weight, speed, and momentum of the club offers little more resistance than a piece of cottonwool, the player has to find something to hit against. In his case the fulcrum is the left side from the foot upwards.

A flabby left side means a flabby, ruined shot. Hines's pigeon-stance is typical of Cotton's address.

In the case of the American player the stance is adopted to restrict the body turn, too much of which he regards as highly dangerous.

The backward swing of the hands is also curtailed, the point reached being slightly higher than the shoulders.

In this way Hines is able to keep the shots consistently straight without sacrificing length because of his great inherent strength, and, most important of all, he "stays behind the shot."

In the effort to keep his 14 stones behind the blow Hines almost gives the impression of falling backwards, a position known in America as a "Charley horse."

AN IMPORTANT HALT

A vertical line drawn from the left heel, which is dug into the turf, shows the whole body well behind the line. The follow-through indicates that the right hand, as in the case of all the experts, has taken control just before impact and carried on to a complete and uninterrupted finish.

While unable to drive as far as Hines, we may be able to hit farther and straighter by adopting the counsel, "Stay behind the shot."

Marcel Dallermagne, the Frenchman, who is one of the world's longest hitters, has no slogans to offer in the way of advice. According to him, length depends on three factors—physical strength, speed of down swing, and necessity in hitting.

He regards physical strength as the primary factor, and it is significant that no examples exist of exceptionally long hitters who lack power. Strength lies chiefly in the wrists and forearms, and, according to their muscular development, the player will either be a long or a short hitter.

In the case of Hines, he has enormously big, powerful hands and the muscular fortitude of a blacksmith. But there are some players, over

HOCKEY TOURNEY

C.B.A. And D.G.S. Draw In Brawn Cup Match

An evenly contested Brawn Cup hocky match, ending in a draw of 1-1, was played between the Central British Association and the Diocesan Girls School in Kowloon yesterday.

Playing on their own ground, the school girls missed many chances to score through hastiness and misjudgment in handling the ball when close to goal. Scores opened in the second half, when Miss E. Wooley converted for C.B.A. as a result of a short corner.

The school girls succeeded towards the end of the game when A. Chan netted after breaking through the opposition on her own.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

The Hongkong Stock Exchange official summary issued at 3.30 p.m. yesterday, says:

There was more activity in the market to-day, and the turnover was fairly large, particularly in Docks which were dealt in at \$18.90/\$19 1/4 for the Old and \$18.10/\$18 3/4 for the new shares. Electrics at \$56 1/2/\$7, and Watsons at \$9.05/\$9.15.

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LADIES' CHAMPIONSHIP

The final of the Ladies' Championship played on the Old Course at Fanling yesterday afternoon resulted in a win for Mrs. I. W. Shewan, who beat Mrs. J. F. King four and two.

ECONOMICS SOCIETY

The annual general meeting of the Canton University Economics Society will be held at the University auditorium on Friday, March 17, at 7 p.m. During the meeting, new officers will be elected and many resolutions will be placed before the members. All members, past and present, are cordially invited to attend.



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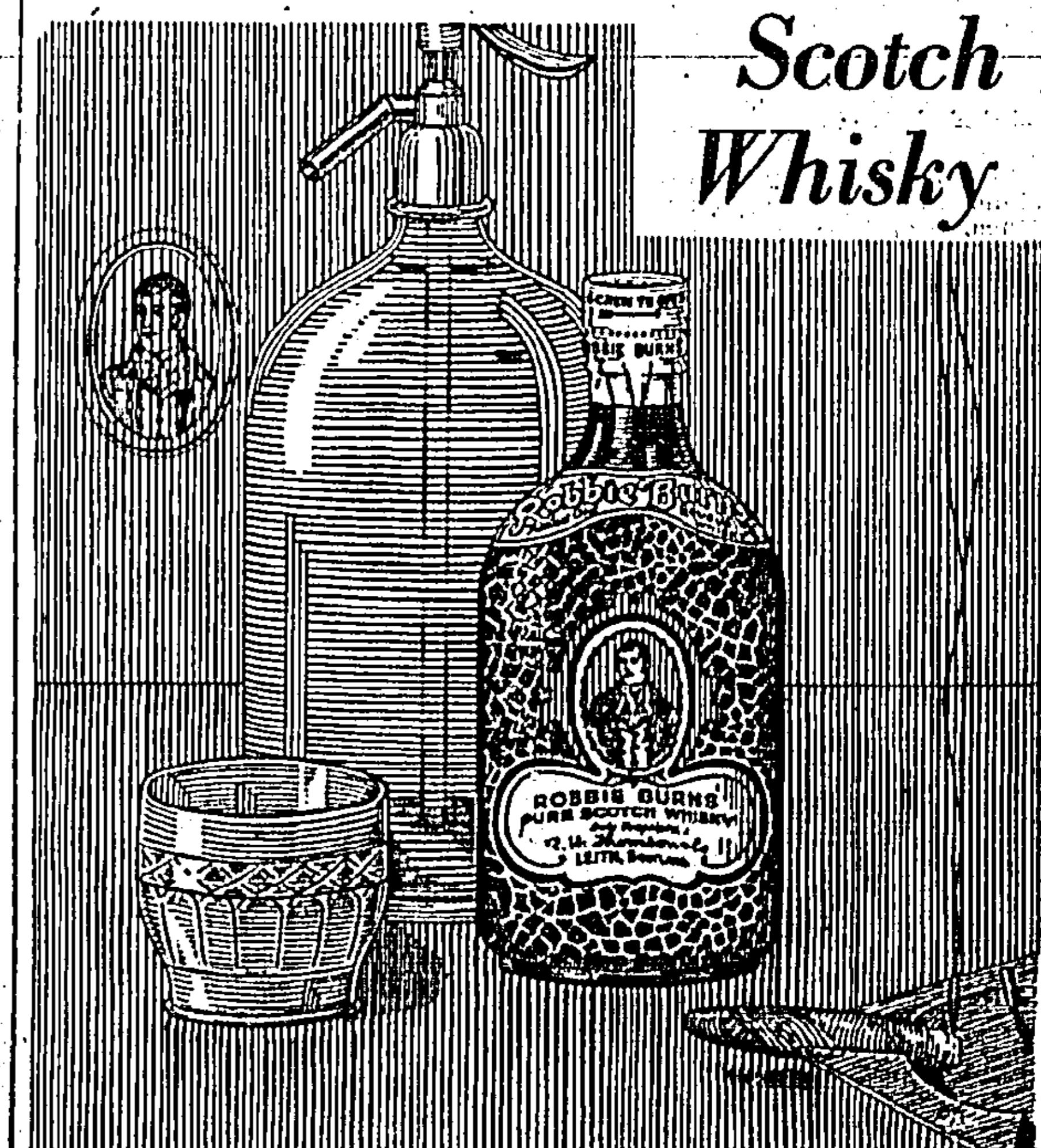
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Love's fatal arrow strikes Jean Parker and John Deal, the romantic leads in the new Bob Burns comedy-drama of human love life. "The Arkansas Traveler" is the title of the play.

Acquiring Balance

THEORETICALLY, we always long as you can, up to a minute, think of a woman as being then repeat with the other leg, graceful but actually, only a small. Your next aim should be to do proportion of woman kind are really other exercises, while actually, as graceful as one expects them to balancing. Start with the least violent, whether they are dancing, walking, that is, gentle arm waving, sitting, or doing anything else. Standing on one foot as before, raise one depends on a number of the arms sideways, and wave them things, of course, but one of the most lightly up and down. Change the feet and repeat. When you begin to feel more certain on your feet, or, rather foot, you can do more vigorous arm movements, that is, bending the arms smartly and touching the shoulders with the fingers, then extending the arms again smartly, forward, side, up, and down.

Grace depends, of course, but one of the most important is balance. You may, at first, think there is no connection between balance and grace, but anyone who has anything to do with physical culture will tell you that an ability to balance with grace has a direct effect on the physical movements of everyday life, since they lend assurance, ease, and control to the whole being.

Alm at acquiring a certain amount of balance, and you may rest assured that it will improve your walking, dancing, and other activities. Include the following exercises in your daily physical jerks.

An Important Point

One of the first and most important things to remember when doing balancing exercises is to keep the toes well turned out. The reason for this is twofold. Firstly, the body adopts a greater ease and a more airy grace when the toes, and therefore the limbs, are turned out; you can prove this by watching the grace of ballet dancers. Secondly, it is a fact that it is easier to keep one's balance with the toes turned out, because the basis on which the body above is poised is greater than if the toes point merely straight forward.

The first and simplest exercise is to stand on one leg, with foot turned out, of course, and to raise the other, slowly, keeping the foot well, and they are well worth a little practice.

Roma Lobel

Youthful Married Women

"How do you manage to keep looking so young?" I asked a married woman of my acquaintance the other day. Although she has been married for over eight years, has two young children, and runs the home with only occasional help, she does not look older than I remember her in pre-marriage days.

She replied modestly that she did not know, and, quite frankly, did not think anything about it. So I was left to ponder over the reason, having as a background for my thoughts the fact that so many married women seem to grow older than the years warrant, and so many single women retain their youth till self-acknowledged middle age.

But something my friend let slip gave me a clue. "This is my night for the theatre," she said. She went on to explain that ever since she had married she had reserved one night in the week for her girlhood friends, most of whom were unmarried. They spent this one night together. During the winter months they went to an entertainment, and in the summer, there was tennis, or occasionally golf or a walk in the country. She looked forward to that night in the week, and had scarcely missed it in all the years of her married life.

Marvelling at the unusual length of such friendship, I became dimly aware of difficulties. "But the children" I murmured. "Oh, my husband knows this is my night out and he tries to stay in, and, if he cannot, we get someone to come in." I also learned that both husband and wife arranged a night out by themselves each week if it were possible, even if it were only to have supper together in town.

In a Rut

Perhaps there is more in this than we think. We married woman are so prone to settle down. For the first few weeks or months we retain something of our energy even in being entertained or in sport or in friendship and "companionship, but, gradually we become tied to the home. It is so easy to slip into ways which, while they may do justice to our young.

L. T.



Fashion dictates that veils with complement. Spring hats, be they simple or dressy. At left, the slightly more formal "piano" hat in white is embezzled in a fine lace veil. The purple veil brings out one of the colours of the turban in changeable taffeta at right.

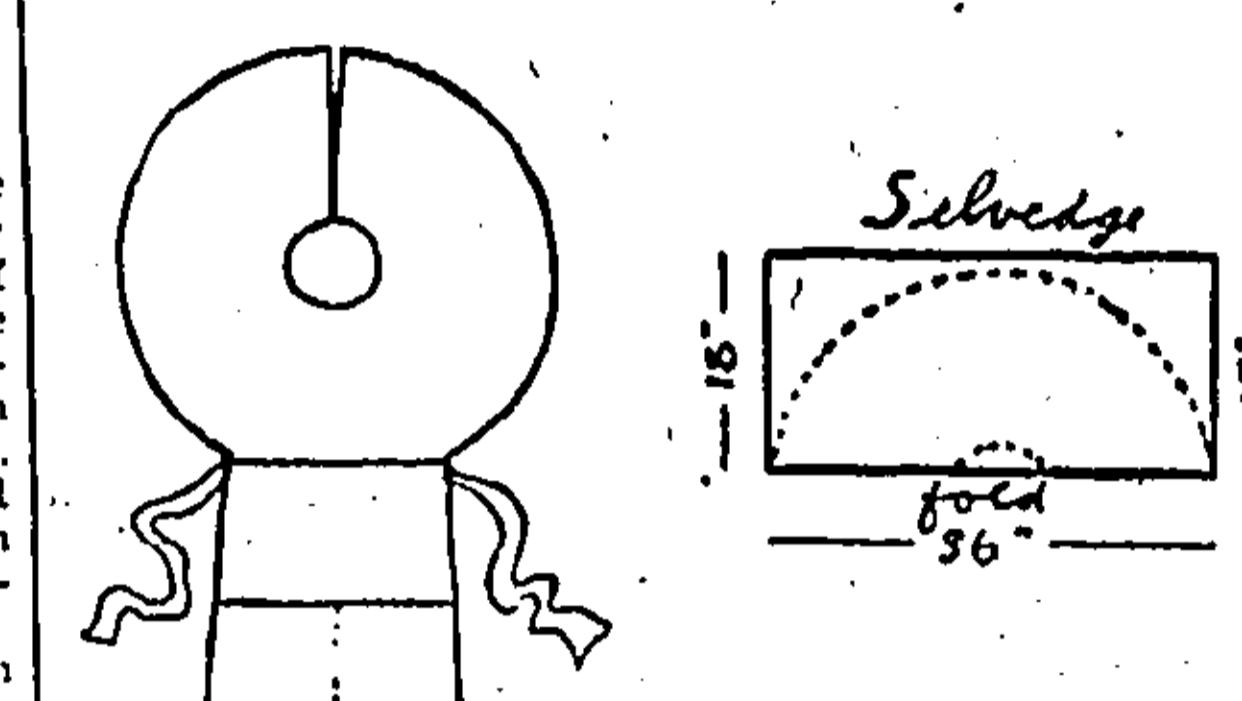
Make-up apron

Cut it out in gay cotton, wear it when you do your face

IN these days of elaborate coiffures and closefitting dresses, we have to make up and "do" our hair after slipping on our frocks. Powder and blobs of cream are likely to fall on nice new dresses, and hairs drop on to our shoulders.

This useful apron will prevent all that. Its cape top will protect your shoulders and the pocketed front part will take care of your skirt. A supply of cotton-wool, cleansing tissues, orange sticks, etc., can be kept in the pockets.

The upstanding neckband can be tucked into high-necked dresses so that the neck can be creamed and powdered without any damage to the dress.



What You Need

To make the apron you need $1\frac{1}{2}$ yds. of 36 in. wide checked seersucker and $\frac{1}{2}$ yd. of plain material. Seersucker washes like the proverbial rug, and does not lose its colours.

Cut the odd $\frac{1}{2}$ yd. from the checked material, leaving a piece 36 in. square. Fold this in halves and cut it into a large semicircle, as shown in the diagram. Cut out a small semicircle for the neck. Open the material into a circle and cut a slit from neck to hem for the back opening.

Cut the $\frac{1}{2}$ yd. of checked material in halves lengthwise. Stitch one end of one of the pieces to the front of the circular piece, matching the one centres.

Measure off nine inches from the remaining piece of material. This is for the pocket. Cut off an inch or two from the bottom of the apron skirt if it is too long for you, then sew on the pocket. The sketch will show you how this should look. A line of stitching up the middle will divide the pocket into two.

I Don't Understand My Son

I AM bitterly disappointed about my son. When he was a child I looked forward to his being grown up. I expected to find him a pal; I imagined we would have many interests in common, and that our companionship would be fun.

But the fact is I cannot get to grips with him. He is twenty-two, has a good-will job in the City, and has never given cause for any anxiety, but as far as for my son's sake, the eternal problem of youth never to be truly understood by old?

Maybe there is some special shrewdness behind this apparent lack of interest. Maybe he shows no sign of ambition because in his own way he is planning carefully for the future.

A Superior Philosophy?

Is his refusal to shout for this or that, political badge the sign of a superior philosophy which knows that the promised millennium will come from neither?

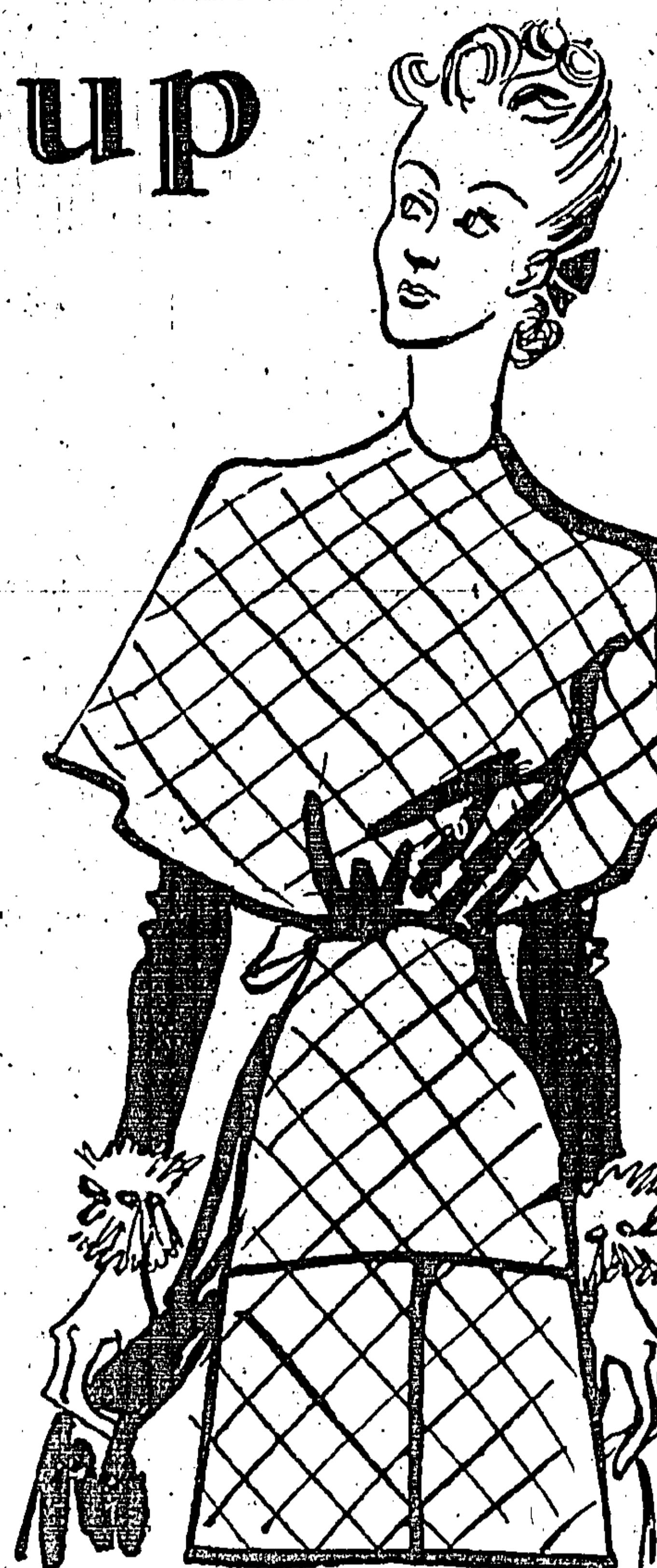
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I have not any idea what his politics are. I have never heard him drop a word of dislike for "the other side" or of praise for "our side." The wrongs of this, that, or the other party or people do not rouse a flicker of indignation.

Why, I would prefer it if he was burning red-hot for the side whose views are opposed to mine; I would feel then that he had some opinions and the guts to back them up. "Politicians" no utters scornfully, whenever I broach the subject.

In my youth I was cast in a very different mould. I was interested in everything, and went full out for the interest of the moment. No one



could never accuse me of lack of enthusiasm, and the blunders I made were of commission rather than omission.

And that brings me to the possibility that I am making a blunder now. Am I blaming my son for not being able to get to grips with him when the fault is really mine?

Is it not perhaps, the eternal problem of youth never to be truly understood by old?

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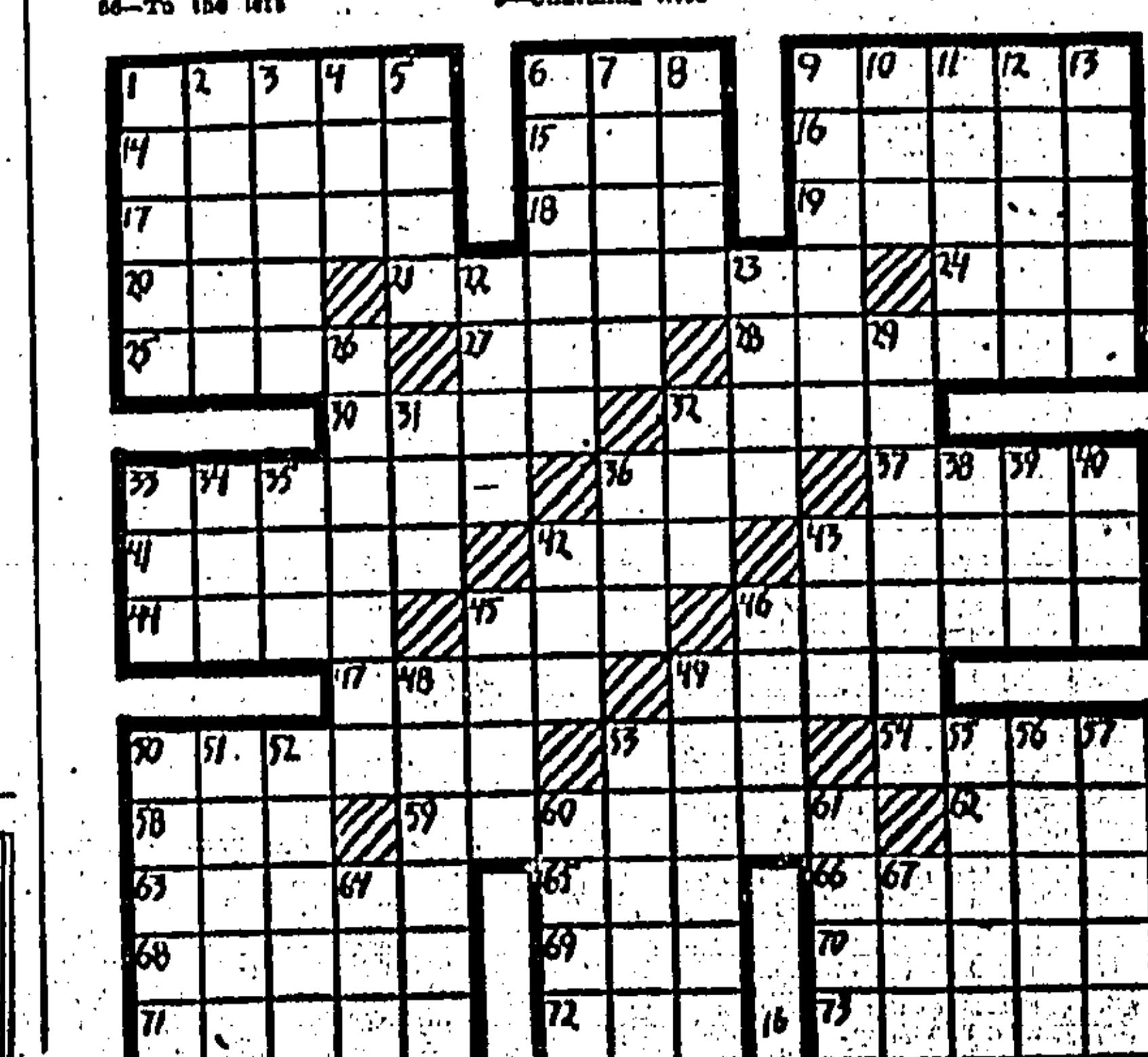
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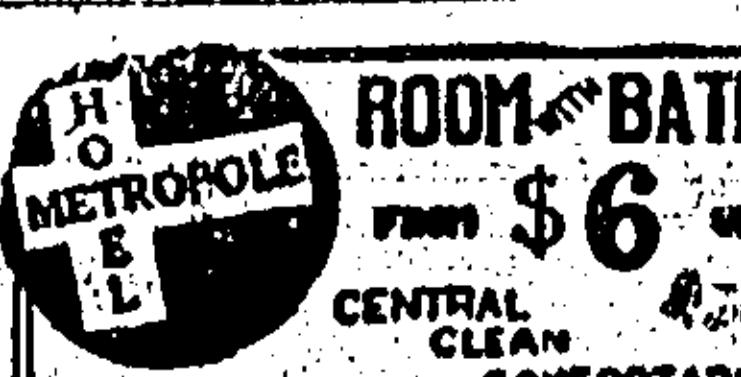
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LEFT: Bridal group photographed after the Coulson-Donaldson wedding—King's Studio.



ABOVE: Miss Violet Bradbury who was bridesmaid at the Coulson-Donaldson wedding.

RIGHT: Correct heavy anti-gas clothing as shown at the recent A.R.P. Exhibition. — King's Studio.



ABOVE: the Governor, Lady Northcote, Captain Batty-Smith, Wing-Commander Steele-Perkins and Mrs. Steele-Perkins at the A.R.P. Exhibition. — Staff Photographer.

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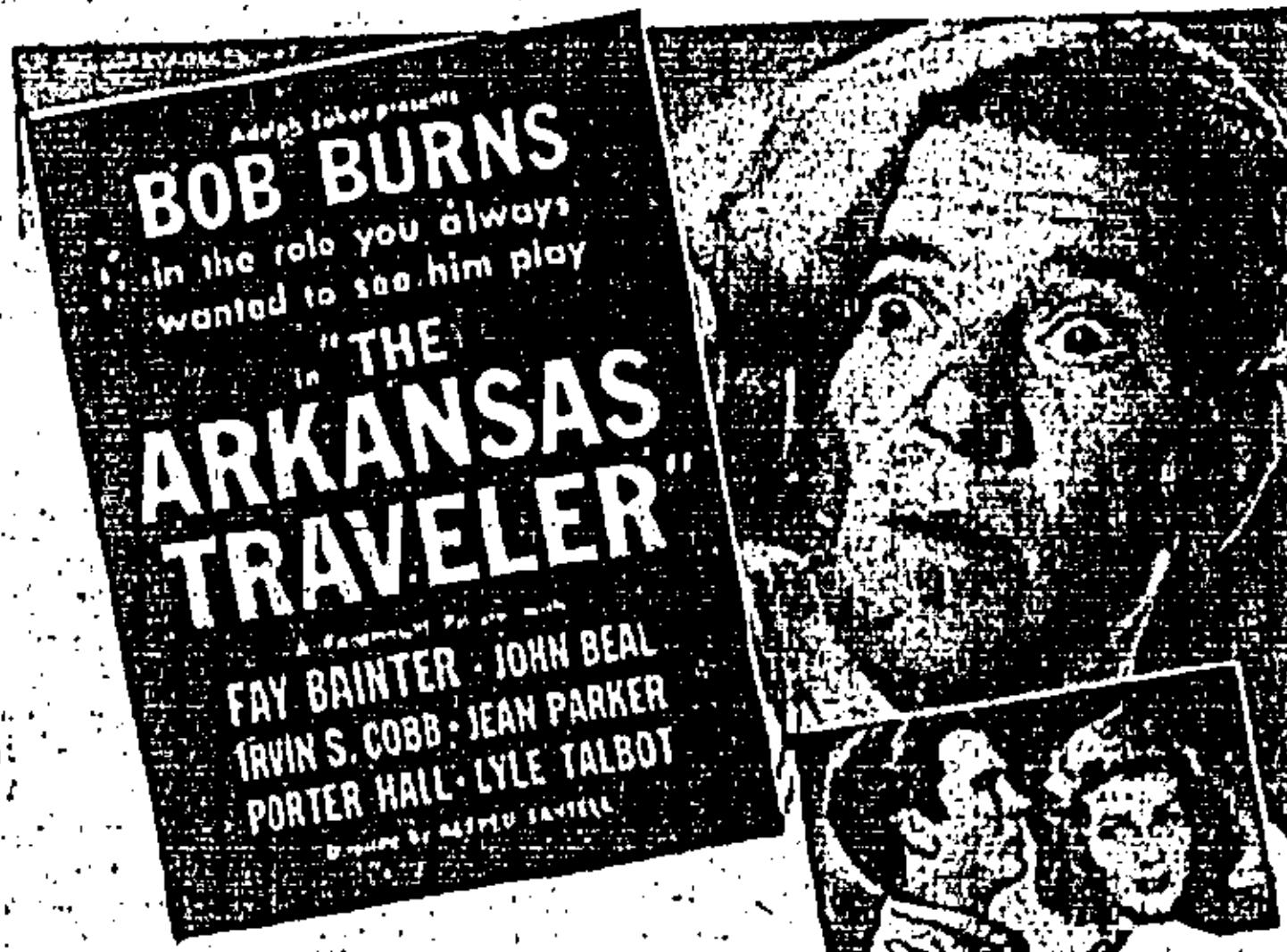
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Were Falsely Made

Tom Sum-hang, employee of the Yu Cheong Cheong Firm, Kowloon, was called to give evidence in the action against China Underwriters Ltd., which continued before the Chief Justice, Sir Athol MacGregor, yesterday.

The Cheong Shing Hong, plaintiffs, claim from defendants \$50,000.23 being the ratable proportion of insurance borne by them for the loss of goods, marine products and securities, lost in a fire in January last year.

The defence is that 127 of the 137 items claimed are fraudulent and benefits under the policy are, therefore, forfeited. It is further alleged that the prices of some of the goods had been charged higher than the market price and that the weight and price book had been altered.

Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., and Mr. H. C. Macnamara appear for plaintiff firm on the instructions of Mr. E. Davidson, of Hastings and Co. Defendants are represented by the Hon. Mr. Leo D'Almeida, Jnr., and Mr. D. J. N. Anderson, instructed by Mr. O. E. C. Marion, of Deacons.

Examined in chief by Mr. Macnamara, Tom said yesterday that he was in Hongkong in December 1937. He had come to the Colony on this occasion in reply to a cable from plaintiffs in connection with their claim. His job in Kowloon was to prepare advice notes and invoices, and he identified a number of these made out by him and a set which had been made out by other employees of his firm. Witness said the first procedure was to book space for freight to Hongkong and then, knowing the sailings of steamers in advance, he could prepare the invoice sometimes in month ahead.

Invoices required such additional items as labour, insurance, Union payments, commission, storage, towing, freight, etc., and these were sometimes not made up until a month after the sailing of the steamer. He denied that any false invoices had been made. A number of corrections of errors had been sent and the information on these was obtained from a godown book.

Other Duties

Cross-examined by Mr. D'Almeida, witness said his sole job was as statistician, but he later agreed that in 1937 he travelled frequently to Hongkong to keep the plaintiffs informed of currency control and import restrictions then initiated by the Japanese Government. He agreed that he transmitted messages to Japan telling them what kind of goods could best be marketed, but this was merely incidental.

Witness admitted that he was an important member of the firm.

Questioned on invoices and advice notes made out about the dates he was in Hongkong in 1937, witness said he could not remember when he actually made them. They may have been two or three weeks or a month from the time of the actual arrival of the goods in Hongkong. He agreed that the invoices were no concern of plaintiffs as they did not discharge the extra charges contained thereon, but he did not know why they were sent to Hongkong.

Under pressure, witness said it was his chief job to make out the invoices and advices, but he did not know why they were sent to Hongkong. It was in the discretion of the buyer in Japan as to whether they should be sent a month in advance of the goods, or later.

Counsel: I am suggesting that if these invoices were genuine at all, they would be sent within a short time of the ship's departure?

Witness: Sometimes I was away, and the folks would not make them out unless I specially asked them to as a favour, since it was my job.

Asked as to the dates on several letters he wrote correcting invoices and advices, witness said sometimes he used the Chinese and sometimes the Western calendar, and sometimes he wrote the date when the letter was written and sometimes the date of the subject matter under discussion. They were, in fact, not letters but statements.

The hearing was adjourned until to-day.

LATE NEWS

PRAGUE
GRANTS
FREEDOM

Prague, Mar. 14. The Slovak declaration of independence is recognised in the following statement broadcast from Prague this afternoon:

"Slovaks have adopted a new course, and, following due deliberation, had decided in favour of independence. Czechs and Slovaks have co-operated for 20 years, and during this period collaboration was certainly not to the disadvantage of the Slovaks. Throughout this time, the Czechs, as well as the Slovaks, were guided in their efforts by the will to benefit themselves and their mutual state."

"To-day the Federal bond between Bohemia and Slovakia ceases to exist, and each of us will pursue an individual existence."

"On this occasion, when two brotherly nations take leave of each other, we can truthfully assert that the Czech people have never entertained feelings of enmity for the Slovaks.

"We desire from the bottom of our heart that the Slovak nation will reap success in its future independent existence, and that the Slovak people will acquire economic conditions conforming with the requirements of the nation.

"The Czech State is now faced with a number of problems, which differ considerably from former tasks. We are beginning a new epoch in our national life, and it is necessary that we take up the work of leadership with a spirit of unity, discipline, and prudence."

"In our co-operation with the Slovak independent State we shall retain friendly recollections, realising as we do, that political frontiers cannot separate the hearts of people who have been together for so many years." —Trans-Ocean.

War In 10 Days,
Says U.S.

Washington, Mar. 14. The virtual dissolution of Czechoslovakia has caused a painful impression here, declared the newspaper "Star" which adds:

"This new crisis is regarded as the forerunner of a more serious one before the end of the month. Reports from American diplomats in Central Europe indicate that the German and Italian Governments are preparing for a real show-down. Many warn the Administration that trouble is likely to start within ten days."

"Official circles in Washington view to-day's developments as unmistakable evidence of the intention of the totalitarian States to secure the obedience of the remaining small democracies in the coming struggle with France and Britain." —Reuters.

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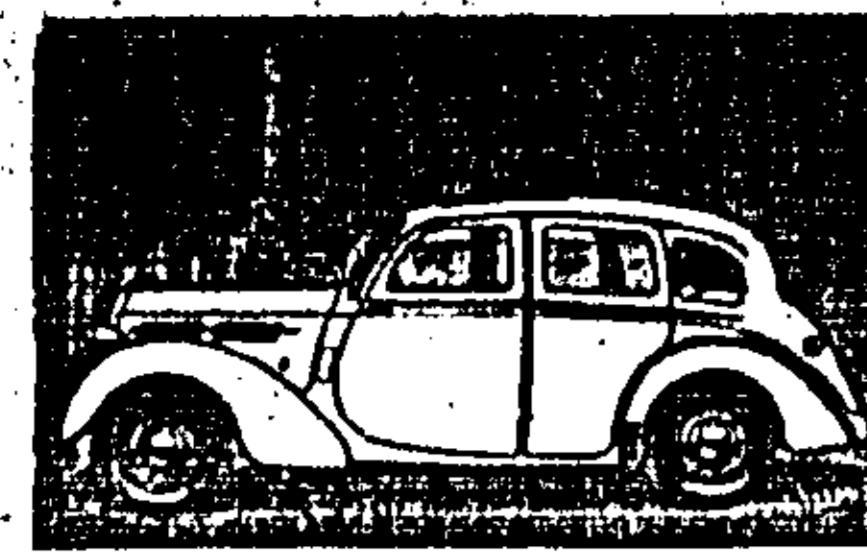
At the usual weekly meeting of the St. Andrew's Mothers' Union, held in the Church Hall yesterday, a presentation was made by Mrs. J. R. Higgins, on behalf of the Union, to Mrs. Rupert Baldwin, who is leaving shortly for home.

As a token of the Mothers' Union's appreciation of all the hard work done by Mrs. Baldwin during her stay in Hongkong, they presented her with a travelling clock.

Mrs. Baldwin, replying, thanked them all for the kind words, and for all the co-operation they had given her.

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14 German Divisions Mass On Moravian Frontier: Prague Reports
Occupation Of Border Towns And Advance Inland

Why Armies March

RUTHENIA, an autonomous province inside the Czech-Slovakian Republic, was Hungarian territory for 1,000 years until the end of the war.

Part of its 4,800 square miles, including Ushorod, the capital, and many of its 725,000 people were restored to Hungary by the Italo-German arbitration award in Vienna on November 2 last.

But both Poland and Hungary want Ruthenia restored to Hungary so that the two countries will have a common frontier.

Germany, on the other hand, wants an independent Ruthenia and Slovakia in order to provide an effective bulwark against Soviet Russia. If Ruthenia or Slovakia gain independence, they will effectively cut off the Czechs from Russia, and the Czechs will be then entirely at the mercy of a ring of hostile nations.

That is why the present situation is causing grave anxiety in Europe.

CRISIS IN COMMONS

No Action By Britain Necessary

LONDON, Mar. 14.
ANSWERING A private notice question by Mr. Clement Attlee in the House of Commons to-day, Mr. Neville Chamberlain made a statement on Czechoslovakia.

The Premier outlined the events up to this morning, and added that he had not yet received official confirmation of the most recent press reports regarding the resignation of the Czech Government, and the independence of Slovakia.

Mr. Attlee asked what action the British Government would take in view of the guarantees entered into regarding the territorial integrity of Czechoslovakia, and whether they intended to consult with the other guarantors and with Prague in the light of the present situation.

Mr. Chamberlain said that the question of any action had not yet arisen.

MORAL OBLIGATIONS

Sir Archibald Sinclair asked whether the Government still regarded itself under a moral obligation with regard to the guarantee.

Mr. Chamberlain replied that the position in that respect had not undergone any change.

The Premier made no reply when asked by Mr. Wedgwood Benn, who was going to pay back the £60,000,000 which the Premier had issued to Czechoslovakia without Parliamentary authority.

Replies to a further supplementary question by Mr. Attlee, Mr. Chamberlain reminded the House that the guarantee was one against unprovoked aggression against Czechoslovakia, and no such aggression had yet taken place.—Reuter.

Firing practice will be carried out from West Fort, Stonecutters Island between the hours of 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. to-morrow.

EUROPE SEETHING WITH RUMOURS OF TROOPINGS

BUDAPEST, MAR. 14.

HUNGARY'S ULTIMATUM TO PRAGUE, DEMANDING THE WITHDRAWAL OF CZECH TROOPS FROM RUTHENIA, AND THE RELEASE OF HUNGARIAN PRISONERS IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA, EXPIRES AT 2 A.M. G.M.T. (10 A.M. H.K.T.).

Hungary "declines to accept responsibility for the consequences" if the ultimatum is rejected, it was stated.

The ultimatum lists five demands:

- 1.—THE IMMEDIATE RELEASE OF HUNGARIAN PRISONERS;
- 2.—THE IMMEDIATE CESSION OF THE PERSECUTION OF HUNGARIANS AND THE GRANT TO THEM OF THE RIGHT TO ORGANISE THEMSELVES;
- 3.—SUPPLY OF RIFLES TO THE HUNGARIAN PROTECTIVE ORGANISATIONS;
- 4.—THE WITHDRAWAL OF CZECH TROOPS FROM RUTHENIA TO BEGIN WITHIN 24 HOURS;
- 5.—FULL RESPECT FOR HUNGARIAN PROPERTY.—REUTER.

GERMANS INVADE MORAVIA

PRAGUE, Mar. 14.

OFFICIAL CZECH QUARTERS state that German troops have occupied Maerischeostrau, in Moravia, and official circles confirm that German troops are advancing as far as the town of Mistek.

Official circles in Berlin deny the Prague report.

It is officially stated in Berlin that President Hacha and M. Chvalovsky arrived in Berlin at 9.40 p.m. G.M.T. to-day.

RUTHENIAN INDEPENDENCE

Meanwhile the Ukrainian News Service confirms that Ruthenia has declared its independence, and adds that a new Cabinet has been chosen, with the whole of the country in the hands of Ukrainians.

An earlier report from Berlin stated that well-informed circles there generally believed that German troops were ready to march into Czechoslovakia during the night if necessary.

The figure of 14 divisions is mentioned, but no official or reliable confirmation of this was forthcoming.—Reuter.

ALTER MAP OF EUROPE

GERMANY IS EXPECTED to take action to-night which will alter the map of Europe, as M. Tiso's request for Hitler's help is taken here to mean that German troops will march into Slovakia, probably to-night, to restore order and to clarify M. Tiso's position.

The fate of the Czechs depends on the visit here of President Hacha and M. Chvalovsky, who it is stated, will be received by Herr Hitler, in the presence of Herr Joachim von Ribbentrop and Field-Marshal Hermann Goering.

It is understood that President Hacha is coming to Berlin on his own responsibility.

The whole country is seething with rumours of troop movements. It is said that altogether, 40 divisions are in position for potential mobility, while 14 divisions have been detailed for possible immediate action.

Two motorised divisions are reported to have left Breslau for the southern Silesian frontier, and large sections of the Berlin-Vienna motor road is closed to civil traffic.

Nazi motor corps—a motorised semi-military organisation—left Munich for the frontier.

The requisitioning of private cars has started in Munich.—Reuter.

WITHDRAW TROOPS DEMAND

BERLIN, Mar. 14.
ACCORDING to a Chust telegram broadcast over the German radio, the Ruthenian Government has asked the Central Government at Prague for the withdrawal of all Czech troops from Ruthenian territory.

It was added that no reply has yet been received.

German radio reports also state that the advance of Hungarian troops into Ruthenia is proceeding, and it gives a Budapest report that Hungarian troops have occupied the town of Svalava, north of Munkac.

A Warsaw message says that an appeal for calm in the present historic events in Bratislava was broadcast from the Prague wireless station to-morrow.

BRATISLAVA QUIET
From Bratislava comes the news that, except for a number of steel-helmeted police, with fixed bayonets, the streets of Bratislava are fairly normal. No flags are flying. Work

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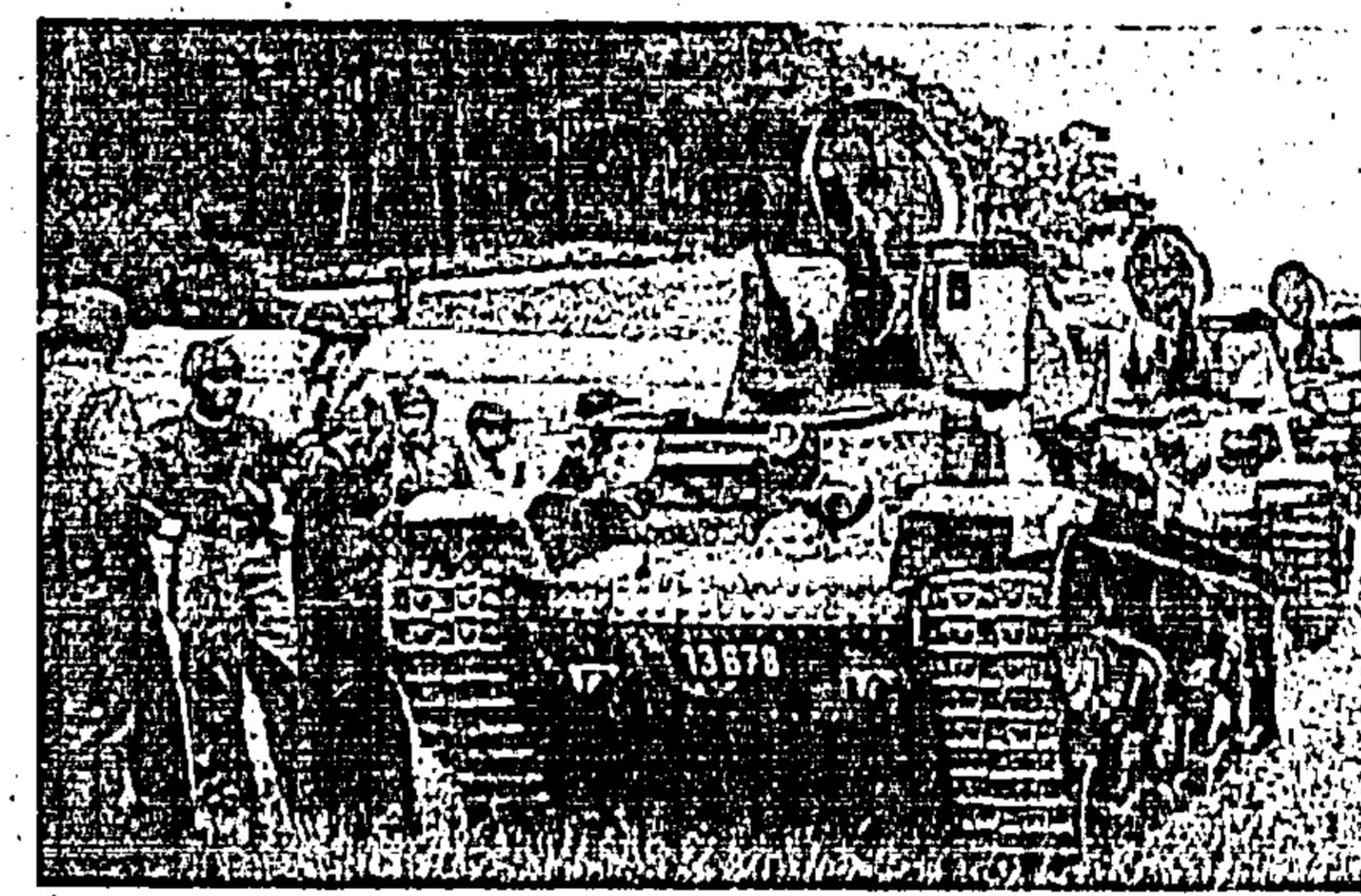
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CZECH TROOPS ON BORDER



MEDIUM TANKS of the Czechoslovakian army in the Bohemian district at a moment when the Czech-German situation was particularly tense last September. Eye-witnesses recorded the highly mechanised nature of this republican force, which is stronger than many people believe, having a reserve of arms second to none among the smaller European powers.

WORLD IS STARTLED

Czech Collapse A
Historical Necessity

LONDON, Mar. 14.
WITH the 20-year-old Czechoslovak State disintegrated; with the vital talk to-night between President Hacha and Herr Hitler in Berlin concerning the fate of Moravia and Bohemia, and with the Hungarian ultimatum to Prague expiring at 2 a.m. to-morrow, the British Cabinet will have to consider the dramatic change in the fate of Europe when it assembles to-morrow for the usual weekly meeting, writes a diplomatic observer.

Events to-day moved so swiftly that European opinion has scarcely had time to crystallise, and the British views expressed to-night merely emphasised Mr. Chamberlain's statement to Parliament this afternoon, that the British attitude was one of complete neutrality.

French opinion appears to be identical with the British. "Reuter" reports from Paris show that opinion there is "calm, but not complacent."

The latest developments being regarded as a regrettable aftermath to Munich, but it is believed that Hitler intends to annex Czechoslovakia in view of his repeated declarations that he does not want foreigners within the German frontier.

In Polish circles, some confusion appears to prevail; since the events have not yet revealed whether Poland has cause for uneasiness or rejoicing.

Berlin opinion is probably fairly represented by to-night's "Angriff" which comments that "the collapse of Czechoslovakia has become an historic necessity".

In Budapest, the official spokesman told "Reuter" that an ordered Government in Ruthenia was a "life insurance" for Hungary. It is believed that at the back of the Hungarian mind is the conviction that once Czech soldiers are removed from Ruthenia, the inhabitants will throw themselves into the arms of the Hungarians, without waiting for a plebiscite.—Reuter.

NEW BRITISH NOTE TO THE JAPANESE

LONDON, Mar. 14.

THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT is considering a new protest to Japan on the basis of information, presumably discovered by the secret service, alleging that pro-Japanese elements in Tientsin had created a special organisation for the perpetration of terrorist acts inside the foreign Concessions.—Reuter.

RELIEF IN CHINA

Growth Of British Fund Shown

LONDON, Mar. 14.

PRESIDING AT the general committee meeting of the British Fund for the relief of Chinese distress, the Earl of Donoughmore announced that since the fund was opened on October 1, 1937, subscriptions totalling £177,338 had been received.

IN A WRITTEN REPLY in the House of Commons to-day, Mr. R. A. Butler said no reply had been received by the British as to the measures adopted by the Japanese authorities against the British Concession in Tientsin.

The acting Consul-General had interviewed General Homma, the Japanese military commander on March 6, when the whole position was reviewed, and General Homma undertook to discuss the matter with the Japanese Consul-General to enable the Consul-General to reply.

Representations were made to the Japanese Government, it was understood, also by the French and American Ambassadors.

"APPROPRIATE
REPRESENTATIONS."

Quizzed as to British action with the introduction of the new Japanese currency regulations in North China, Mr. Butler answered: "Appropriate representations are being made to the Japanese Government, but I am unable to make a detailed statement at the present."

"Reuter" learns that the British, French, and American notes to Tokyo regarding the currency and other trade restrictions, are couched in vigorous language.

It is understood that business came to a standstill on the first day of the new regulations. Many Japanese concede the inconvenience and virtual impossibility of the situation.

No official reports of the resulting effects have been received, but it is believed that the military, who forced through the new arrangement, will have to abandon their position sooner or later.—Reuter.

BRIDGES BLOWN UP

Retarding Advance Of Hungarians

BUDAPEST, Mar. 14.

CZECH TROOPS blew up the railway line to-day between Salana and Feketepeatak, southeast of Munkacs in order to check the advance of Hungarian troops.

Hungarian border troops were attacked by Czechs with machine guns and hand grenades. The Hungarians returned the fire.

Czech forces, attempting to cross the demarcation line near Barkano, were repulsed by Hungarians, who suffered two wounded.

The Czechs have arrested two prominent leaders of the Hungarian Party in Slovakia, Count Michael Csaky, and his brother, Count August Csaky.

A Berlin report says that one German was killed and six wounded at Slanec in the Igla district of Moravia, when Czech police fired on German demonstrators who were protesting against the arrest of local German leaders.

A Communist mob stormed the homes of numerous Germans in Pilzen, demolishing furniture, and mistreating the inmates. Four were seriously injured.—Trans-Ocean.

SKIRMISH NEAR DUBNA

VICNA, Mar. 14.

Strong detachments of Czechs with tanks and heavy artillery were seen this afternoon on the road across the Tatra mountains from Silesia to Vrucky, advancing eastward to Slovakia.

A skirmish occurred about 2 p.m. between Czech infantry and Slovak

soldiers belonging to Czech regiments who wanted to prevent occupation of the important railway junction of Dubna Skala by the Czechs.

A Slovak detachment of engineers is said to have blown up a bridge near Dubna Skala.—Trans-Ocean.

REUTER

Mexican Oil Appropriations

Mexico City, Mar. 14.

Mr. Richberg, representing foreign oil interests in negotiations with the Government over the expropriations, had a conversation lasting an hour and a half with President Cardenas to-day, covering important topics.

The conversations were then adjourned until to-morrow.

Mr. Richberg said that if conclusions were reached in the next two days, he would make a statement that would end many unfounded rumours.

He expects to leave for Washington next week, and if necessary, will return to Mexico.—Reuter.

Palestine Parleys

British Plans Will Be Disclosed

LONDON, Mar. 14.

"REUTER" UNDERSTANDS that a meeting of the Arab delegates to the Palestine conference has been called for 4 p.m. to-morrow, when the British Government will lay before them the conclusions reached as a result of the past five weeks' consultations on the Palestine problem.

A second meeting with the whole of the Jewish delegation will be held for the same purpose at 9 p.m. to-morrow.

Both meetings will be at St. James Palace, and it is anticipated that the final conclusions will be submitted to the British Cabinet at its weekly meeting to-morrow morning.—Reuter.

Hungary Denies She Is Marching

Polish Troops To Mass

Warsaw, Mar. 14.

It is reported that arrangements have been made for Polish troops to meet to-morrow morning at Slanek and Lowecno in Poland, and at Uzec and Sketarsky.—Reuter.

See Back Page For
Further Late News.

ROYAL SQUIRE IS RETURNING

—AND 'JITTERBUGS' QUIT HIS VILLAGE

Biddenden, Kent. THE village of Biddenden has had "Jitterbugs" of its own. But recently they disappeared—when it was seen that decorators and servants were busy again at the ex-King of Siam's 400-year-old Country Home.

Prince Prajadhipok (as they call him) is in Egypt, and Biddenden feared that the rioting in Bangkok meant that their royal squire might be returning to the throne he abdicated in 1935.

Although the Forgotten King to the rest of the world, here in this beautiful corner of Kent he is known and loved for his generosity and kindness.

He would be the typical country squire, but for one thing—instead of hunters in his stables he keeps a fleet of five cars.

Although he has never been seen astride a horse, this little hunting community has often met him pedalling along the narrow lanes on his bicycle.

Local trade has improved greatly since he and his consort, ex-Queen Rumbal, arrived.

FAIR TRADE

Instead of sending away for food to the nearest big town, the owners of Vane Court buy from the little village shops.

To be fair, they buy from one grocery store one week, and the other the next.

Frequently they buy home-made chocolates from the village cafe, and have on occasions had a light meal in its little parlour.

Completely anglicised where food is concerned, they enjoy a full English breakfast at Vane Court—eggs and bacon, marmalade and toast.

During the summer the tiny Siamese squire presented trophies at the local flower show and gymkhana. He is a dangerous man with subscriptions, too.

His staunchest admirer in Biddenden is four-year-old Olwen Evans, his caretaker's little girl.

Whenever Olwen sees the ex-King she salutes, and sometimes he gives her Siamese lessons.

Already she can say in Siamese, "Dirty hands," "tea," her own name, "Ewin," and the days of the week.

"I want him to come back quickly," she said.

In his compact, stone-bagged house, where a staff of nine servants is kept (including four Siamese), the ex-King leads a quiet life, rarely entertaining.

He takes a great interest in his ducks and fowl, which he keeps in a big, well-planned ornamental pool.

DOG COMPANION

Both good tennis players, the royal couple are also skilled table tennis enthusiasts, and spend many hours at the table.

Most evenings, however, they read quietly or switch on the television. The ex-King's only dog is Sam, a young Airedale, and the two can often be seen roaming the quiet Kentish lanes.

When they see him striding along in his tweeds, the villagers are sure he will never take on again his titles of Keeper of the Twenty-four Golden

Made A Fortune Out Of 'Flu

SIX FEET three inches tall, Mr. Charles Kahn, the man who made a fortune out of 'flu recently arrived in England from New York.

The big handkerchief firm of which he is president hit on the idea years ago of selling a handkerchief in a hermetically sealed package. Sneezing Americans bought them by the million. It made Mr. Kahn.

At the age of 36 he is now a wealthy young man.

At Grosvenor House he said:

"These are the days of bold colours in handkerchiefs for men and women. This year handkerchiefs will be bigger than ever—in the United States, at any rate. Colours are going to be more vivid to match the expected increase in colour in men's clothes."

How many handkerchiefs do you carry?

Mr. Kahn (as a manufacturer he may be a little biased) thinks men should carry four—one for show and one in the jacket, and two more for the overcoat.

Women, he says, should have three handkerchiefs (one for show, one to use, and one for lipstick), and a different colour for luncheon, for cocktail hour and for dinner.

FOLLOWS THE FASHIONS

Mr. Kahn has employees in Paris and London following the fashion displays. As soon as a big Paris dressmaker features a new shade Mr. Kahn orders a new kind of handkerchief.

If Mr. Chamberlain has the headlines, then out come handkerchiefs with umbrellas all over them. The topical hankie sells, according to Mr. Kahn.

He is even thinking of changing the shape of handkerchiefs. He doesn't see why women shouldn't have oblong-or-three-sided handies.

Mr. Kahn is paying a visit to Belfast to order more linen. Linen handkerchiefs are still the most popular, he says.

Umbrellas, Brother of the Moon, Supreme Arbitrator of the Ebb and Flow of the Tides, and descendant of the great god Buddha.

He is happy in England.



While the God of War grins and European nations rush to arms, Belgium prepares to defend herself against a violation similar to that of 20 years ago. A vast network of defences now stretches along her eastern frontier from the Alps to the sea. These pictures, taken by special permission of Belgian Army Headquarters, illustrate her preparedness. Top, barbed wire entanglements and tank traps along the frontier, which has been mined. Left centre, sentries at a blockhouse in the line. Right centre, interior of one of the tunnels that stretch for miles under the frontier. Bottom, heavy artillery gun emplacement.

Rajah Of Sarawak To Open Studio

LONDON.

The Rajah of Sarawak is reported to be planning to open a film studio in England.

His final decision, according to the Sunday Chronicle, depends on the success of his daughter, Mrs. Bob Gregory, in her part of a hoochey-koochy dance in the Hollywood production "You Can't Cheat An Honest Man."

If she makes good, the report continues, she will become reconciled with her father and will be the star of a million-dollar production.

Hollywood claims to have made

her looks and ability into assets greater than her name. She was chosen from over 30 others after screen tests for the part of the hoochey-koochy dancer.

X-Ray Of Flies May Conquer Cancer Secrets

X-RAY treatments on hundreds of fruit-flies, now being carried out at the Genetics Department of Edinburgh University, may be of great significance in the development of cancer research, and even on the future course of humanity.

In a special interview, Professor Muller, late of California University U.S.A., who is supervising the work, explained that the experiments were being made with a view to throwing light on the problem of mutations—changes in the tiny hereditary particles known as "genes," which really form the basis of life.

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degrees of fertility or length of life.

"Until recently," said Professor Muller, "these changes occurring in the hereditary constitution of a species were a complete mystery. They just happened very rarely."

"It was discovered, however, that they could be produced by X-rays, and it is on this line that our experiments are being conducted."

"While it was thought by radiologists that radiation below a certain intensity would not have any effect, we have proved from our experiments on this fly that extremely low radiation, allowed to accumulate over a long period, gives the same effect as a large quantity."

"This conclusion is of immense importance to radiologists treating cancer, who are subject to slight doses of radiation, since it would be highly undesirable to have mutations produced in their germ cells that might give rise to abnormal human beings in the future."

"In this connection the question also arises: 'Are cancers themselves produced by mutations?' For X-rays produce cancer as well as check it, and X-rays produce mutations."

"If that were true," said the Professor, "then the study of conditions which favour mutations would be of great interest to cancer students."

Professor Muller is the author of the recent book, "Out of the Night," a biologist's view of the future, in which he claimed that by the control of the genes we might raise the level of humanity to that of the genius—the reason why these experiments may be of great significance to the future course of humanity."

The Animal Genetics Department of Edinburgh University, which is also concerned with determining to what extent genes or constitution alter the character of any given species, invited Professor Muller over from America specially to make a study of the genetics of the fruitfly "Drosophila."

Chicken Thief "Sprinkled"

Wyandotte, Col. Alfred Renaud believes that somewhere in the state there is a chicken thief who is picking No. 7½ shot out of his epidurum with the aid of a double mirror arrangement. In any event, he said that each time he shot, the man jumped—and also kept going.

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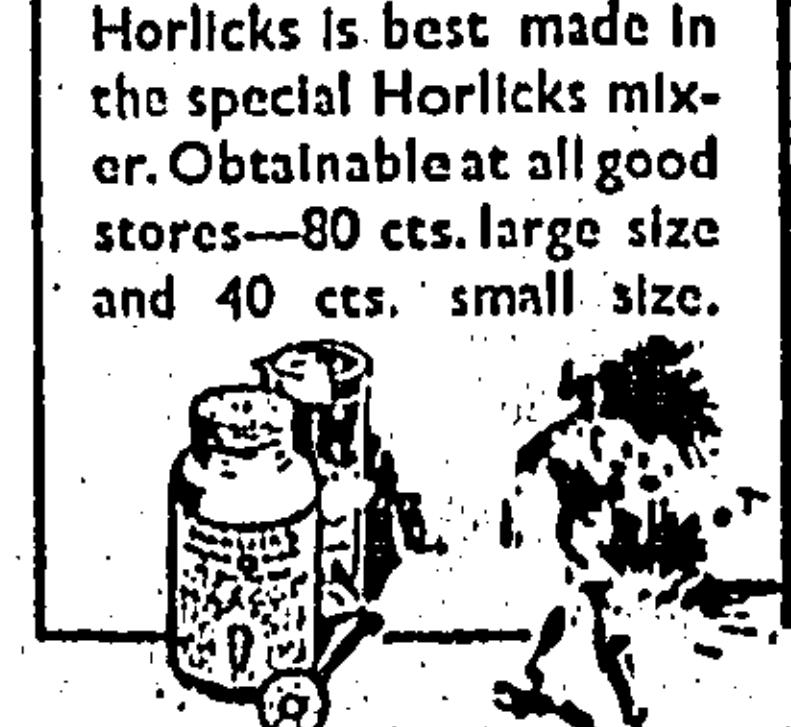


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DEBATE ON ESTIMATES

Co-operation With French Army

LONDON, Mar. 14. OPENING THE report stage of the army estimates in the House of Commons to-day, Mr. Lees Smith (Lab) expressed the opinion that the conversations with France had not been sufficiently comprehensive.

There were other areas of possible conflict, especially in north-western Europe, where vital British interests were concerned, he said.

In Holland, anxiety was so great that Dr. Collin, the Premier, had asked the people to be calm.

Threats against Denmark had been more menacing than those previously directed against Czechoslovakia.

There were other countries like Denmark of importance to us, whose existence was in danger, and it was the duty of our representatives to regard those countries as their responsibility, because they were not participating in the Anglo-French discussions.

FIRST INSTALMENT OF MUNICH

Mr. Winston Churchill congratulated the Prime Minister on his decision to equip the territorial force with the same weapons as the regular army. The decision to provide 10 field divisions was a momentous declaration. He had rarely heard anything so important stated from a Service department.

"It is the first instalment of Munich, and I am afraid other drafts will be presented regularly during the greater part of our lifetime," declared Mr. Churchill, adding: "It is a great pity that the statement was not made a year or two ago."

"Such a statement in action would burn up material at a prodigious rate."

He asked for my assurance that facsimiles were being planned to make the necessary supplies.

Mr. Churchill also emphasised the importance for draft-finding units, especially for dealing with an enemy which might land in the country. It was quite possible for several thousand men to be landed by aeroplanes, and there were important munitions centres which might attract them.—*Reuter Special*.

Protecting Britain's Countryside

Roads Saved From Ugly Buildings

LONDON, Mar. 14. MORE THAN 70,000 miles of road in Great Britain are now protected from ugly and unregulated building development by the Act passed in 1935 restricting so-called ribbon development.

The Act had the immediate effect of bringing under the control of the highway authorities all development along 43,000 miles of classified roads, and since then the Minister of Transport has approved resolutions submitted by the highway authorities, giving the same protection to a further 29,000 miles of road.

While the main consideration is the safety and convenience of traffic, adoption of restrictions has also given the highway authorities power to ensure that development shall be in keeping with the natural beauties of countryside.

Surrey Hills, Cotswold country, Wye Valley and the Peak District are only a few of the regions in which roads commanding beautiful views have been brought within the snicker of the act.—*British Wireless*.

Ruthenian Govt. Reconstructed

Prague, Mar. 14. It is officially announced in Czech that the Ruthenian Government has been reconstructed.

Father Volosin remains Premier, and M. Julian Revay, who was dismissed from office by Prague, becomes Foreign Minister.

An official communiqué states that M. Revay is at present in Germany "defending the interests of his country."

The Czech General Prchacek, Minister of the Interior, has been relieved of his office.

The new Government is described as provisional, and it is generally thought here that Ruthenia will place itself under German protection.—*Reuter*.

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The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 10th to the 24th March, 1939, both days inclusive.

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July 8.19/1.19 8.12/1.13
Oct. 7.77/7.74 7.75/7.75
Dec. 7.74/7.74 7.69/7.69
Spot 7.72b/7.74a 7.69/7.69

The last Notice day for March Cotton is March 17th.

New York Rubber

Mar. 10.50/50 10.52/52
Sept. 16.43/43 14.48/48
Dec. 16.44/44 16.40b/48a

To-day Sales:—190 tons.

The last Notice day for March Rubber is March 29th.

Chicago Wheat

May 67.5/67.5 67.5/67.5
July 67.5/67.5 67.5/67.5
Sept. 68.5/68.5 68.5/68.5

Monday's Sales:—2,920,000 bushels.

Chicago Corn

May 40.5/40.5 47.5/48
July 40.5/40.5 49.5/49.5
Sept. 50.5/50.5 50.5/50.5

Winnipeg Wheat

May 60.5/60.5 60.5/60.5
July 61.5/60.5 60.5/60.5
Oct. 61.5/60.5 60.5/60.5

Monday's Sales:—01.5/01.5

Boeing Trip Delayed

THE DATE of the first passenger flight of the 40-ton Boeing Clipper, which was scheduled to leave San Francisco for Hongkong to-day, has been postponed to March 29.

On the return flight from Hongkong to San Francisco, the new Clipper was delayed two days by mid-Pacific weather conditions, and did not arrive at San Francisco until Monday. This arrival date does not allow sufficient time for the U.S. aeronautical authorities to present their formal report to Washington authorising commencement of regular passenger service to-day.

PHILIPPINE CLIPPER

Among the passengers arriving by the Philippine Clipper this week are Mr. Irving St. John, Col. Nelson Spencer and Dr. Eric Lillienthal. They are through passengers from the United States.

London, Mar. 14. Royal Air Force numbers are steadily rising, 800 recruits joining during the past week as against 283 in the same week last year, bringing the total complement of pilots, observers, airmen and boys since April 1, last to 32,076 as against 15,120 for the corresponding period last year.—*British Wireless*.

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FRANCIS I. du PONT & COMPANY REPORT BY CABLE:

STOCKS: Cement production during February was 40.6 per cent. and shipments were 10.2 per cent. over those of the corresponding month of last year.

The President has asked for \$150,000,000 additional Relief funds.

Air traffic during February was 15 per cent. over that of the same month of 1938.

Argentine Government-owned railways are negotiating a charter arrangement with Germany for railway materials in exchange for 100,000 tons of wheat.

The Georgia Legislature has defeated the increased chain store tax.

EARNINGS: Stock Period 1938

Canadian Pacific Railway Co. Yr. 31/12 \$1,200,000
International Nickel Yr. 31/12 \$2.00
North American Company Yr. 31/12 \$1.95

The Union Carbide & Carbon Corporation's 1938 earnings are estimated at \$2.76 per share. The first-quarter's earnings this year are estimated at \$0.60 per share.

RUBBER: Consumption of rubber during February was 77 per cent. over the corresponding month of 1938.

CHINESE SAPPER TO APPEAL

Blood-Stained Coat In Court

A blood-stained jacket was produced and examined in court to-day by Mr. R. A. D. Forrest at the Central Magistracy when Ho Yan, Chinese Sapper of the Royal Engineers, was charged with assaulting and wounding a man in Lockhart Road on March 6.

Ho Sing, said he was walking down Lockhart Road at 9 p.m. when the defendant came up and attacked him with a knife, stabbing him in the left arm and chest.

The white jacket he was wearing at the time was then produced, and the magistrate examined the slits, alleged to have been caused by the knife.

Ho Sing said defendant was accompanied by two other Chinese in military uniform who hit him in the face with their fists. He fell dizzy and fainted against a wall. Later an Indian constable arrived and arrested Ho Yan.

INTENDS TO APPEAL

Ho Yan said he left barracks that night and saw a crowd fighting in Lockhart street and went to pacify them, but they turned on him. He denied attacking the complainant and said he gave him in charge to the Indian constable.

He said he had not tried to run away, and denied that there were two other Chinese in uniform with him. He pointed out that no knife had been found on him.

Evidence of arrest was given by the Indian constable, who said he took complainant to the police station by holding his arm as he was dizzy. The Chinese sapper walked beside.

Mr. Forrest, convicted defendant and sentenced him to six months' hard labour, "I intend to appeal," said the Chinese Sapper.

BRITAIN'S HUGE DEFICIT

More Than £23,000,000 Short Of Income

LONDON, Mar. 14. WITH ONLY three weeks of the financial year to run the deficit on March 11 amounted to £23,806,012, having been reduced during the week by £20,662,491.

Ordinary revenue during the week totalled £23,74,823, making the total to date £23,859,731,074 or £43,511,059 more than at the corresponding date last year.

Total expenditure, less self-balancing items, was over £883,000 compared with £866,004,277 at the corresponding date of 1938, and with the estimate for the present financial year of £943,300,000.

The yield from income tax last week was £13,137,000 as against £10,307,000 in the corresponding week a year ago.—*British Wireless*.

Hungarian Troops On The March

Budapest, Mar. 14. Hungarian troops, advancing from Muncacs into Ruthenia, have reached the outskirts of Svalava, according to the official Hungarian News Bulletin published to-night.

Svalava is situated on the railway line about 20 miles north-east of Muncacs and is the most important railway junction in Ukraine.—Trans-Ocean.

London, Mar. 14.—A tration agreement was signed at the Chinese Embassy this afternoon.—*Reuter*.

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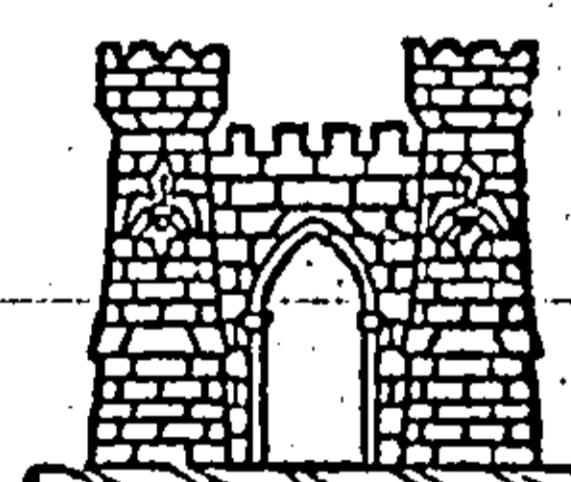
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occur in a poem of which I
know no other words, and
which I have never been
able to trace:

They have cleared up the
straw in the passage
And Life can begin again.

In other words, the removal was
over. The old and the new furniture
had settled down together in
perfect unity. The re-arranged
pictures had made friends with
one another.

My old emerald carpet kissed with
velvet passion the hem of my new
jade-green curtains. Or am I writing
like Beverley Nichols?

And the champagne curtains of my
new dining-room went all right with
my stock of beer. In short, I was
in it.

A few days later it struck me that
something was missing, and for a
long time I could not decide what
it was. Then it flashed across me, I
wanted an inkstand.

INKPOTS, of course, I pos-
sessed galore, but I sud-
denly realized that what my soul
longed for was the kind of thing
which you see on the desk in the
photographs of celebrities. You
know the sort of thing—massive,
antique, silver.

So I sallied forth and presently
beheld what I was looking for,
though it was vastly different from
that for which I had been seeking.
Rushing in the middle of the
jeweller's window was something
rather like a model of St. Paul's
Cathedral.

Only, the dome was a clock, while
the inkwells—one for black, and the
other, O cripes, O joy, for red—
were concealed in the two turrets.
The materials employed were glass,
ebonite, and chromium plate and the
price demanded was eighty-eight
dollars and ninety-two cents.

What does that mean? If the
verbal promise, which will be con-
firmed later this week in official
Notes, is what "United Press" will
have us believe, it means that one
of Europe's greatest dangers has
been removed.

Mussolini is a dictator who
keeps his word. If he says the
sword will remain sheathed, there
will be no war between France and
Italy in settling a territorial
grudge that has lasted since the
Italian kingdom came into existence
in 1860 under the House of
Savoy.

What is the basis of Italy's
claims?

She claims that in 1858 she
made a deal with Napoleon III, of
France, whereby, in exchange for
French help in driving the
Austrians out of the northern
Italian provinces of Lombardy and
Venice, she should concede to
France the Commune of Nice and
the Duchy of Savoy.

Presently the miracle was borne
of triumph, together with a cut-
glass tray for pen-holders, another
for cigarette ends, and a wonderful
contraption for manipulating sealing-
wax. Also a virgin blotter, with
glass edges. The miserable penny
inkpot which has served me for
years was removed, and the work of
art installed.

My pen poised, I prepared to write
an article worthy of the occasion.
They say that a bad workman
complains of his tools. I have never
thought that a reason why a good
artificer should have unworthy
implements.

As I say, I sat waiting for inspira-
tion to emerge from that noble piece
of furniture in the way it has so
often gushed from that other humble,
supplanted vessel.

But nothing happened. For a
period, ideas came but not the words
in which to express them. This was
succumbed to another period in
which the words came, but without
any backing of ideas.

THEN I discovered what
was the matter. The ink-
stand was not silent. Its clock
ticked dammably.

I took my inkstand back to the
jewellers, and would they change it?
They would.

They produced something like the
Taj Mahal with cupolas for black,
red, mauve, and green inks! It had
no clock. It cost twenty dollars
more.

This I bore off, and all the fore-
going has been at the instigation of, I
think, the third cupola. The
mauve one. Yes, I am certainly
writing like Beverley Nichols.

As I am extremely happy,
Idiatically happy. Life, which
previously was empty, is now full.

I feel that somebody were to
offer me the real Taj Mahal I should
refuse it. I regard with infinite
contempt anybody who does not possess
an inkpot modelled after the Taj
Mahal and costing one hundred and
eight dollars and ninety-two cents.

What reader is your inkstand?
Let me put it another way. What
piece of wild extravagance are you
contemplating, but from committing
which you are restrained by your
prudence, some ingrained habit of
economy, or even your wife?

Is it a new set of matched irons,
though you are in arrears with your
clubs at the club? Is it a four-fold
set of straight-legged briars? Is it
that radiogram?

If you are a woman, is it that
shagreen handbag which will cause
your dearest friends so much chag-
rin? Is the hundredweight of bath
suds at \$7.50 an ounce? Is it a pair
of silk stockings so fine that they

It's Spring,
so give yourself
a treat . . .

OR

why I paid \$100
for an inkstand

with the humdrum is to put the
best possible face on it. "In the
sweat of thy face shalt thou eat
bread," says the Old Testament.
But the New Testament says, "Man
shall not live by bread alone." No
where are we told that by the sweat
of his brow shall man keep his soul
alive.

Further, the book of Ecclesiastes
tells us that there is "a time to get,
and a time to lose; a time to keep,
and a time to cast away." Surely
money is a thing to be got and lost,
kept and cast away?

I hold no brief for extravagance,
and to obey the second and fourth
of Ecclesiastes' injunctions and dis-
regard the first and third would be
the height of extravagance. What I
am advocating, dear reader, is to
observe "thrift in season, but to
realise that, though a flower of
virtue, it is one of those flowers
which are entitled to be out of season.

In other words, I am telling
you that when you feel
necessity to let it rip, it is wise to
let it rip. A stitch in time saves
nine.

But you don't want a garment so
covered with precautionary stitches
that it becomes unsightly. When it
is a case of rip or burst, I say rip.
But do not rip too often.

That great man, Francis Bacon,
said much the same things when he
wrote: "A man ought warily to begin
charges which once begun will
continue; but in matters that return
not he may be more magnificient."

What Bacon meant was that it isn't
every day we kill a pig (or buy an
inkstand). But that when we do so
we ought to kill him, and buy it
handsomely!

You cannot pronounce the word
without wrinkling the nose. Yet
it is an adm'nable quality, provided
he who possesses it knows when to
tell it to get out.

NEARLY all the happiness
of life is in escape. The
fortunate few who are artists may
enjoy their work. But to the great
majority work is not enjoyable, and
it is rank humbug to pretend that
it is.

There is not much fun in getting
out, emptying dubins, window-
cleaning, bus-driving, waiting on
gouty and irritable club members,
massaging the faces of obese down-
annulants. It is the passion of
fighting tedious law-suits, showing a
lot of sheep into cinemas, carrying
figures from one column into
another, and so on.

The best thing that can be done
is to be used in connection with
old-age pensions and building so-
cieties. It is the last hope of aged
people, looking at bilious tongues,
pretty woman. It is a curmudgeon-
word. It has about it the ex-
halations of old age.

"THRIFT" is an ugly word
in a plain man's mouth. It is
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Balkan Pact

Sofia, Mar. 14. The Bulgarian Premier, M. Kicevjanov, is leaving tomorrow for Ankara at the invitation of the Turkish Government. Bulgarian political circles believe that Turkey will make another attempt to secure the admission of Bulgaria into the Balkan pact by finding a formula which will meet the Bulgarian territorial and other claims respecting Dobruja, and an outlet into the Aegean Sea.—Reuter.

Spain**Republican Soldiers Sent Home****Madrid Junta Seeks Honourable Peace**

Madrid Front, Mar. 14. The Madrid Defence Junta has ordered demobilisation of the 1915 and 1916 classes as well as of all persons called up during the last few weeks to serve in various auxiliary services.

Spaniards, the Madrid wireless announced, would now be able to face Spaniards with the object of making peace.

National Spanish quarters point out that the Government of Spain is still demanding the unconditional capitulation of the Republicans as a preliminary to the termination of hostilities.—Trans-Ocean.

Casada Seeking Peace Madrid, Mar. 14. General Casada stated to-day that the Loyalist Defence Council expected Franco to attack the city at any time and that the Loyalists were prepared to fight, though preferring an honorable peace.

Regarding discussion of peace terms, he said, "The Council knows the people want their national sovereignty to be respected, that there can be no reprisals, and that once peace is signed harmony must reign among Spaniards. Since the people want this, and we want it too, we will do all possible to achieve it."

"That is my fundamental decision."—United Press.

STORY OF BELLWYN

Gibraltar, Mar. 14. One of the first detailed descriptions as to how the British steamers Bellwyn and Stangate were stopped by a Nationalist Spanish warship was given by the Bellwyn's captain, Percy Evans.

In an interview, Captain Evans said, "Reports were received that General Franco intended to fire and sink all vessels in the vicinity of the Spanish coast. Thereupon three steamers decided to quit Valencia, the United States vessel *Erica Reed* for Marseilles and the Bellwyn and Stangate for Gibraltar.

"When 23 miles north-west of Cape Sanlonini a Spanish cruiser appeared and flashed her searchlights on the Stangate, signalling her to proceed to Palma. The Stangate changed course towards Palma. She had no wireless aboard.

"The cruiser then flashed similar instructions to the Bellwyn. I acknowledged the message, but continued on the course to Gibraltar. Seeing I had not complied, the cruiser began to circle around at full speed and constantly flashed her searchlights. I ignored all this and instructed the wireless operator to despatch an S.O.S. stating, 'molested, ordered Palma by warship, immediate assistance.' The cruiser approached within 25 yards and through megaphone shouted, 'We will fire and sink you if you don't obey.' I again ignored the threats, whereupon the cruiser came so close to our bows that we nearly collided, and at the same time she fired a shot. I continued ignoring everything. I signalled by Morse to the Stangate, 'I am not submitting but proceeding Gibraltar. I have wireless for assistance.' I would have had the Bellwyn sunk rather than surrender to the Spanish ship."—United Press.

TO RECOVER TREASURES

Burgos, Mar. 14. The National Spanish Government has appointed a commission which will leave Spain for France to-day to recover all of the Spanish art works, jewels, gold and other money deposited in French banks by the former Spanish officials. The commission is headed by Senor Joaquin Ruz, who is in charge of the National Spanish debts, and consists of Senor Cesar Arruche, Vice-Governor of the Bank of Spain and Senor Victor Artole as representative of the Spanish private banks.

Another commission which will take over and return to Spain all material and military equipment which the Republican troops took across the French frontier has already arrived in France.—Trans-Ocean.

HAPSBURG PROPERTY

Vienna, Mar. 14. A decree formally confiscating all the Hapsburg property in favour of the German State will be published on Tuesday.—Reuter.

Spelling Bee

HOW many of these words are correct and what is wrong with the others?

trajecary tranquill
winable stupefaction
windlass oscification
English Oxford Dictionary spelling of these words will be found on page 6.

THE OVERNIGHT NEWS PAGE**CENTRAL EUROPE'S NEW CRISIS: INDEPENDENCE OF SLOVAKIA DECLARED**

The Slovakian Council under M. Tiso has declared the complete independence of the state from the Prague Government and has appealed to the Reich for aid. German soldiers are reported to be already crossing the border.

The Carpatho-Ukraine has made a similar declaration and appeal and Hungarian troops are invading Czech territory.

The Prague cabinet is expected to resign.

Unofficial sources state that the Czech Government has accepted the demands for Slovak autonomy and the dismissal of General Sirov, Czech Defence Minister.

British interest is said to be turning towards Poland and Hungary and their possible action if Germany allows, or orders, further dismemberment of Czechoslovakia; while it is generally agreed in London that the Anglo-French guarantee regarding the post-Munich boundaries of Czechoslovakia does not arise at the present juncture.

24-Hour Ultimatum

Berlin, Mar. 14. A 24-hour ultimatum from Herr Hitler, threatening stern measures, has set the stage for the further dismemberment of Czechoslovakia by amputating Slovakia and Carpatho-Ukraine. This means the loss of two-thirds of Czechoslovakia and more than half the population since the Munich Agreement.

Informed circles state that formal announcement will be made this morning before the extraordinary session of the Slovak Parliament at Bratislava.—United Press.

German Hate Campaign

Berlin, Mar. 14. Building up for to-day's climax, the afternoon papers carry such headlines as "How much longer?" "Europe's bonfire," "Rising August at wild terror," "Unbearable."

One editorial says that the situation in the German race group in Czechoslovakia is getting worse every hour. Responsibility before the forum of Europe and the world are solely and alone the Czechs. Czechoslovakia has become Europe's bonfire through a stream of hate against everything German.

United Press.

Berlin Press Allegations

Berlin, Mar. 14. The tone of the German press comments on events in Czechoslovakia grows steadily sharper.

The situation in Slovakia has been relegated relatively to background in news of the day, as messages from various parts of Czechoslovakia which report attacks by Czech police and civilians on members of the German minority group.

"Germans are once more in distress," announces a four-column heading of the front-page of the *Lokal-Anzeiger* to-day. "Czech mob-tar Swastika flags to pieces." "Brutal assaults in Igla, Brno and Olomouc," and "Cheers for Beneš" are other typical heading which appear in the German press.

"The Czechs—old—hated—for the Germans has again broken out," says the *Lokal-Anzeiger* which points out that the Czechs have learned nothing from past experience. Germans have been arrested and in the most brutal manner maltreated, knocked down with truncheons, wounded, persecuted and insulted. The German national emblem, the Swastika flag has been torn down. The German minority was refused protection of any kind and German language papers were subjected to ruthless censorship."

The *Volkslehrer Beobachter* addresses extremely grave warning to the Prague Government in view of new attacks on 350,000 people of the German race who are still living in the Czechoslovak republic. "In Brunn, which for many centuries belonged to the German peoples, and which still has more than 60,000 German inhabitants, a mob of alien people apparently believes that it can attack with impunity Germans who profess loyalty to symbols of National Socialist Germany, and provoke these Germans in a shameless manner, insulting them, knocking them down and maltreating them till blood flows. The Czech Police watches these excesses with complete passivity. This is a naturally intolerable situation for members of the German nation twenty kilometres from the frontiers of the Reich and therefore for entire German nation."

Trans-Ocean.

Cabinet Meets

Prague, Mar. 14. Dr. Tiso arrived in Bratislava from Berlin by air this morning. A Cabinet meeting was held immediately on his arrival at which Dr. Tiso and also M. Sidor were present.

Dr. Tiso has communicated the result of the talks to Berlin.

The Cabinet meeting was followed by a private conference of leading members of the Slovak Diet.—Reuter.

Independence Declared

Prague, Mar. 14. Slovakia has been declared an independent State following a meeting of the Slovak Cabinet. One of the first acts of the new Government was to send a telegram to Herr Hitler, notifying him of the fact and asking for his help.

The first news of the formation of the new Government was made known to the outside world by the Vienna broadcasting station.

The new Government includes Dr. Tiso, Dr. Sidor and M. Durcunek, Minister of Propaganda.

There was a rush on the banks at Bratislava this morning and a decree had to be immediately issued that only 500 Slovak crowns could

Hungary Presents Ultimatum

Berlin, Mar. 14. An ultimatum has been presented to the Prague Government by Hungary in connection with the entry of Hungarian troops into Carpatho-Ukraine on Tuesday, according to a reliable source in Budapest. It is stated that the crossing of the frontier by Hungarian troops is motivated by "intolerable provocations" of the Czech troops, and their attacks on Hungarian frontier guards.—Trans-Ocean.

Clashes With Hungary

Budapest, Mar. 14. Reports from this morning state that conflicts occurred in the Carpatho-Ukraine between Czech soldiers and members of the Hungarian minority.

In the Carpatho-Ukraine Czech troops continued to arrive from Eastern Slovakia all day yesterday.

According to reports, a decisive struggle between Czechs and Carpatho-Ukrainians is now in preparation. In Carpatho-Ukrainian circles it is stated more and more emphatically that no outside domination would be tolerated. Arrests are being made continually by the Czech gendarmerie.

The concentration camp at Rado is overcrowded in the last few days. Inhuman treatment of the prisoners is of common occurrence.—Trans-Ocean.

Hungarian Invasion

Budapest, Mar. 14. It is officially stated that Hungarian troops crossed the Czech frontier and occupied the town of Orehovna. The Czechs opened fire on the Hungarian border troops and the latter returned the fire and advanced across the frontier. Fighting was still going on this morning.

The number of Czech prisoners and casualties has not been revealed. Orehovna is near Munkacs or Munkacz in the Carpatho-Ukraine which became Hungarian territory after the Munich agreement.—United Press.

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German Troops Marching

Prague, Mar. 14. It is stated at Bratislava that Dr. Tiso telegraphed Herr Hitler in order to prevent disorders, and Vienna messages state that German troops are already marching into Slovakia.—Reuter.

Historic Decision

Prague, Mar. 14. The Slovak Parliament will meet at 4 p.m. to "take a historic decision," according to Premier Sidor in a radio message. He stated that the extraordinary session had been called as a result of "the demand" from M. Josef Tiso, the ousted Premier after Tiso had conferred with Herr Hitler.

M. Sidor said "the decision will be of importance not only for Slovakia but for the whole of Central Europe."

—United Press.

Momentous Meeting

Prague, Mar. 14. An extraordinary session of the Slovak Diet at which it is thought the independence of Slovakia will be

Soldiers Killed

Singapore, Mar. 14. One was killed and three seriously injured in a shell explosion at Fulan Tekong, fortified island of Changi, during firing practice in connection with the manoeuvres.

The dead man was Gunner James Murray, 20. He and the others belong to the 2nd Heavy Battery, Ninth Heavy Regiment, Royal Artillery.—United Press.

Palestine**POSTPONE PROBLEM FOR YEAR****American Zionists' Suggestion**

London, Mar. 14. The Times confirms that Monday's Cabinet session formulated final proposals for the solution of the Palestine problem, but hints that the Government probably will not make this "final" too strict a sense of the term.

The situation now seems to be that from the English side the present proposals are regarded as the "final discussion basis."

The new document will probably be handed to the Arabs on Wednesday and to the Jews on the same day but later. Both delegations will then meet again separately for discussion of these proposals. Should no agreement be reached, the Secretary for Colonies, Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, will, according to *The Times*, immediately publish a "forced solution" in the form of a white paper.—Trans-Ocean.

American Zionists

London, Mar. 14. A postponement of the settlement of the Palestine question by at least a year is proposed by representatives of the American Zionists as the result of the British proposals for a solution of the problem, so it was stated in conference circles on Tuesday.

The American Zionists base their proposal on the expectation that by that time the international situation will have quietened down and the unrest in Palestine will come to an end.

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RUMJAHN COUSINS SUPPLY MORE THRILLS IN DOUBLES

Outplayed At First But Recover Well To Win

(By "Abo")

No greater compliment can be paid to the Rumjahn cousins, "S. A." and "H. D." than to say that after 14 years of continuous partnership they are still as delightful to watch as they were in 1925 when, as mere striplings, they entered the Colony Tennis Championships together for the first time.

Then, they were fresh from their Club successes and were looking for new worlds to conquer. Since 1925 they have won every conceivable honour in local tennis; yet instead of interest in them being on the wane, it remains as warm as ever. The reason for this probably is that there is a quality in their play which keeps one's interest sustained, whether they are winning or losing.

Yesterday's programme in the current tournament provided another example of why the Rumjahn cousins still succeed in drawing the crowd. For the first half of their match against the Chinese R.C. pair, Lee Wai-tong and Lu Tak-cheuk, they looked likely to be eliminated in the second round—a thing which has never happened during the 14 successive seasons in which they have participated in the doubles championship. But it turned out to be the same old story: they finally recovered to win by the odd set.

WINNERS FORTUNATE

In some respects, it has to be admitted, the Rumjahn cousins were fortunate yesterday. Half-way through their match, a slight drizzle began to fall, making the court very slippery; and the Rumjahn, being the more agile pair, were not affected to the same extent as their opponents, though the only player to fall was "H. D.", who did so while attempting to receive an acuter angled volley. Furthermore, the rain must have been a bother to Lu Tak-cheuk, who was wearing glasses. At any rate, it was evident that he did not play as well during and after the drizzle as he had done before.

The Rumjahn conceded the first set not because they played in a light-hearted manner as they so often do but because they were beaten by a pair who played the better tennis. Indeed, as well were Lee and Lu playing in the first set that hopes of their causing an upset rose very high. The Chinese countered hard drives with magnificent volleys, and lobs with smashes which searched the side-lines.

While Lu imparted a great deal of speed and angle to his smashes and volleys, Lee was more varied and often caught the Rumjahn unawares with stop volleys and drop shots.

But as often the case, the Rumjahn began to play better when they sensed danger of defeat. Mistakes were reduced to a minimum, their lobs were always of a depth to inspire respect, and slowly but inexorably they pulled up, and once the set was squared, the odds were on them winning.

A GREAT FIGHT

However, they did not win the second set without a fight. Services were held until 3-3 was called, and then they broke through Lu's service. Sirdar reached 40-love on his service, but to the horror of the Rumjahn supporters, the C.R.C. pair won the next six points in a row to snatch the game, which meant that instead of having a lead of 5-3, the Rumjahn were checked at 4-4. The set had only been delayed, as it proved for they broke through Lee's service and then "H.D." held his to win out in the tenth game.

Results Of Matches Played Yesterday

The following were the results of matches played yesterday:

Doubles

S. A. and H. D. Rumjahn beat Lee Wai-tong and Lu Tak-cheuk 2-6, 6-4, 6-2.

Paul Kong and B. Szeto beat J. W. Leonard and G. Choa 6-4, 6-0.

I. M. A. Razack and A. R. Minu beat Chan Kam-moon and Wong Fuk-nam 6-1, 6-1.

Singles

S. W. Liang beat N. A. E. Mackay 6-3, 6-2.

F. H. Kwok beat P. S. Leong 6-3, 6-2.

Luk Chun-cheong beat C. R. Box 6-3, 3-6, 6-2.

W. K. Ma beat T. A. Pearce 9-7, 6-3.

Though play in parts reached a high level, the third set was something of an anti-climax. After 2-2 had been reached, the Rumjahn won the next four games for the set and match. The Chinese resistance wavered considerably in the last few games; even Lee, who had been the steadiest of the four, began to make mistakes, and Lu was caught with the ball at his feet on several occasions as he went hesitantly up to the net.

On the whole, it was a splendid game, providing enough excitement for the large gallery, the majority of whom must have expected a sensational upset after the first set.

EASY VICTORIES

J. W. Leonard and George Choa, who reached the semi-finals last season, were put out by Paul Kong and Szeto Box in the second round yesterday. The latter pair won with surprising ease by scores of 6-4, 6-0.

The strong all-round game of the winter told its tale. Kong and Szeto revealed few weaknesses yesterday, and on this form, they should go far.

An I.R.C. pair, A. R. Minu and I.M.A. Razack, had little difficulty in accounting for Chan Kam-moon and Wong Fuk-nam of the South China A.A., who were out-classed.

The singles tier provided little over which to enthuse, the results being more or less as expected.

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME

The following is the programme to-day:

Lim Tshun-tet v. Lee Yue-wing

H. G. Gan v. George Choa

A. Crawford v. Pang Olam

E. C. Fincher v. Paul Kong



The Rumjahn cousins, many times winners of the Colony doubles tennis championship, gave local enthusiasts another thrill at the Hongkong C.C. yesterday when they met Lee Wai-tong and Lu Tak-cheuk, in the second round. After losing the first set and being 2-3 down in the second, they staged a splendid recovery to win by 2-6, 6-4, 6-2.

ARMSTRONG TO DEFEND HIS WELTERWEIGHT TITLE IN ENGLAND

London, Feb. 23.

In the first week of April Henry Armstrong, a dual champion of the world, the greatest boxing attraction, bar Joe Louis, in the United States, will sail to England.

Brigadier-General Critchley, travelling ambassador on behalf of himself and his sports enterprises, has pulled off the match on which his mind has been set for many months.

He has fixed Armstrong with Ernie Roderick at the White City Stadium, London, for late May or early June. General Critchley cabled the good news from New York yesterday, and though he makes no mention of the money he is to pay Homicide Henry—in private life Mr. Henry Jackson, in St. Louis, Missouri—it may be just as well that Henry's visit is not assumed that Henry's visit is not likely to cost a penny less than £10,000.

When the general departed to talk things over with the coloured champion's manager, Eddie Meade, it was agreed that conversations would begin at £7,000 as a basis. From that point Mr. Meade expected to go up, and then up some more.

Had he gone down, the Managers' Union would have branded him as the blackest of blacklegs, and the general would have decided there was something phoney about the whole deal.

Also mentioned in the contract is Jackie Kilmarn, a Scot who is almost forgotten. Kilmarn has been going to fight Roderick since the last Derby at Epsom, but what with one thing and another happening to him, Kilmarn has had to postpone his return to the ring until Grand National eve at Liverpool.

On that night (March 23) Kilmarn and Roderick meet for the British welterweight championship. General Critchley has therefore taken into account a possibility which makes him shudder, that Kilmarn might plant an inconsiderate swing on the Roderick chin.

ALL THAT MATTERS

As for Armstrong, he doesn't mind whether Kilmarn misses or lands. He is getting £10,000, no matter whom he meets and that's all he cares about.

However, there is no denying at this moment that Armstrong v. Roderick looks the better match. A much-travelled and experienced boxer, Roderick has a great puncher. Boxing skill has been moulded to a natural fighting style. Roderick can shoot punches from anywhere. He looks the most likely man in Britain, apart from Sydney Wooderson, to give Armstrong a run.

(\$7,000). Jimmy Hines of Garden City, New York 38 points, Ralph Guinn of Madison, N. J. 310 points (\$5,000). Harry Price of Hershey, Pa. 274 points (\$9,000); Cooper 270 points (\$7,000); Revolta 265 points (\$9,000); Byron Nelson of Readings, Pa. 238 points (\$4,000); Vic Chez of Deuel N. J. 207 points (\$4,000); and Horton Smith of Oak Park, Ill., 203 points (\$4,163).

SNEAD VS. THE FIELD

Snead's ascent to the throne was perhaps the most rapid on record. Although he started swinging a shiny stick when he was eight years old, he was unknown beyond the city limits of White Sulphur Springs, W. Va., until 1930.

He never won a tournament until he captured the Oakland, Cal., open with a 270-in. 1937, then added Bing Crosby's open and pro-minor tour the next week. Since then the tournaments have been reduced to Snead's availing the field. British "United

Press."

He is terrific but so is his bill.

Others in the first 10 and their winnings were: Runyan, 370 points; Sam Snead.

London, Mar. 14.

Oxford University beaten at Rugby.

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Cardiff to-day defeated Oxford University, winning by 24 points to 16. Reuter Special.



RECREIO BADMINTON PLAYERS MAY PAY A VISIT TO SHANGHAI

Ladies Should Hold Their Own Up North

(By "The Bird")

Although it has not been possible either to arrange for a Hongkong Interport badminton team to visit Shanghai this year, or for Shanghai to send a side down to the Colony, I am told that there is a distinct possibility that a team from the Club de Recreio will journey to Shanghai next month, or early May to play a series of matches with clubs in the northern port.

The Recreio hope to be able to send their four strongest lady players—Miss M. Silva, Miss M. Ribeiro, Miss O. Ribeiro and Miss Xavier (who also plays for Kowloon Tong).

London, Feb. 17.

The heavyweight champion of the British Empire sipped his beer in a dark room off Fleet Street, leaned across the table and said, "If they think I'm bum in America, they have every right to."

It was Len Harvey speaking—Len Harvey, who in many ways is the most amazing fighter in the world, a man who thinks Joe Louis has a weakness and who would like to prove it in the ring some time.

"If Tommy Farr can go 15 rounds with Louis," Harvey said, "I don't see any reason why I shouldn't give him a tough go. In America I doubt if anyone wants to see me fight. But here in England Louis and I would draw a gate of £100,000 or more."

Like Max Schmeling, Harvey thinks Louis is vulnerable and, like Schmeling, he's keeping it as his own secret.

"Louis can punch," Harvey said. "But there's no rule in boxing that says that you have to let a man crack you with his best punch. My rule is never to give one to land two blows, but to give none and land three. Notice Louis' feet and the position he strikes from. They tell much about his weakness."

REMARKABLE CAREER

Harvey's career is something to write home about in these days of powder-puff punchers and brittle heavyweights. He began fighting at the age of 13, when he weighed only 84 pounds. He has fought in every division from flyweight to heavyweight and has had more than 400 bouts. And now, in his 19th year, in the ring, Harvey is still clear-eyed and unmarked.

"He was asked why he thought people in the United States would consider him a bum. Harvey laughed and recalled that he had three fights in the United States and lost them all, two to Vince Dundee and one to Ben Jeby. That was in 1931 when Harvey was a middleweight.

"I should have been a sensation in the United States," he said. "The very first punch I landed floored Vince Dundee for a nine count. I never landed a good punch after that. That two fights I had with Jeby were the worst of my career."

FOOTBALL TOURISTS

Straits Team Leaves For Manila And Hongkong

Singapore, Mar. 14.

The Straits Chinese Football Association team left to-day on board the m.v. Victoria to play a series of football matches against Manila and Hongkong.—United Press.

The Straits team is first going to Manila, and on their return journey will pass through the Colony. They are expected here about the end of March, and tentative arrangements have been made by the South China Athletic Association to play against them on April 1 and 2.

Doping Wicket At Oval Alleged

A page from an English weekly, which allegedly shows in a series of photographs the method of doping the Kennington Oval wicket, has been passed on to the Australian Board of Control by the Victorian Cricket Association delegate, declaring that on such a wicket bowlers stand no chance of displaying their wiles, and the sooner such practice is stopped, the better it will be for cricket.

Mr. Davey, Secretary of the Surrey County Cricket Club, told Reuter that the series of photographs was certainly taken last summer, but pointed out that, so far as the Oval Test wickets were concerned, they were being prepared to-day by the same methods as those of 40 years ago. Reuter Special.

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minutes and he had hit three boundaries. A feature of his play was the grand driving to cover and his cutting.

The 602 was reached in 74 minutes. Just when the South Africans looked disconsolate and a mate side, Payne edged a ball from Gordon into Gleeson's hands, 611 for 4. His 76, which included five fours, was made in an aggregate.

At this stage there was a couple of stoppages owing to rain, Ames having joined partnership with Ham mond.

The score was taken to 650 when Hammond was stumped by Gleeson off Dalton. Hammond made 140, including seven fours, with fine class driving.

Valentine joined Ames and they carried the total to 654 for 5 when tea was taken, Ames having scored 17 and Valentine 4. The tourists now needed 42 runs to win and they had five wickets in hand.

Powers joined Ames, First Innings 630 Second Innings 401 M.C.C.—First Innings 616 M.C.C.—Second Innings 55

Hutton, b Mitchell 55 Gibb, b Dalton 120 Edrich, c Gordon, b Langton 219 Hammond, st Gleeson, b Dalton 140 Payne, c Gleeson, b Gordon 76 Ames, not out 17 Valentine, not out 4 Extras 24

Total (for 5 wkt.) 654 Fall of wkt.—1 (Hutton) for 120; 2 (Gibb) for 280; 3 (Edrich) for 447; 4 (Payne) for 611; 5 (Ames) for 600—recovered.

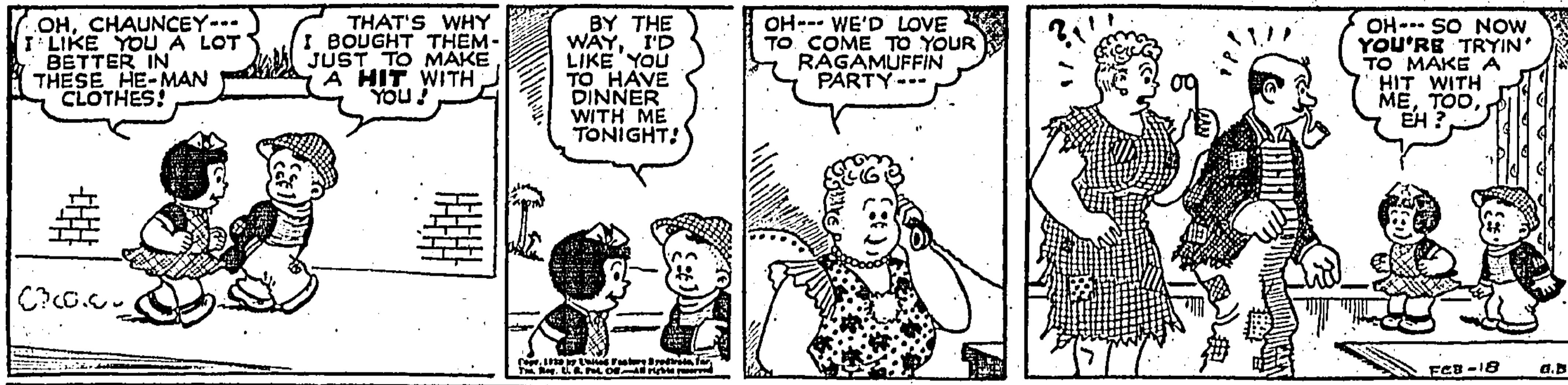
Afternoon's Play.

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NANCY



Slogans Can Help Golfers A Great Deal

AN AID TO BETTER CONCENTRATION

Latest Is: "Stay Behind The Shot"

London, Feb. 14.

James Hines, Metropolitan Open champion, is regarded as almost a certain choice for the United States team to meet Great Britain in this year's Ryder Cup match.

A powerfully built young man of similar physique to R. A. Whitcombe, British Open champion, Hines has gained a reputation as one of the mighty hitters.

Weighing 14 stones, he thinks nothing of rapping out 280 yards even with the larger American ball which, in theory, is not supposed to travel as far as the smaller British ball.

He uses a 14 1/4-oz. driver which is considerably heavier than the normal weight. Unless unusually strong in the hands, wrists, and forearms it is inadvisable to employ a driver of that weight, the tendency being for the club to swing the player instead of conversely.

There is a mistaken notion that the heavier the club the longer the drive; actually the exact opposite is the case, writes a correspondent.

The chief factor of length is speed of clubhead at impact—the greater the speed, the greater the length. For the average player the maximum weight is 13 1/2 oz., the best results being obtained with a club of 13 oz. Inexperienced and ill-informed players should be warned that it does not follow because Hines can hit tremendous distances with a heavy club, they can do the same. Hines is an interesting personality, being the chief exponent of the style known as "staying behind the shot."

Americans are fond of slogans which have their use only to help the player to concentrate on one thing at a time. One of the most

SPORT ADVTS

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE FIRST EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at HAPPY VALLEY on SATURDAY, 18th March, 1939, commencing at 2.00 p.m.

The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

No One without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Such must be worn throughout the duration of each meeting in such a manner as to be readily identified.

Badges admitting Non-Members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$5.00 for Gentlemen and \$3.00 for Ladies (both including tax) are obtainable through the SECRETARY upon the personal or written application of a Member, such Member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for Payment of all Chis, etc.

The Secretary's Office, 1st Floor, Exchange Building (Tel. 27704), will close at 12 NOON.

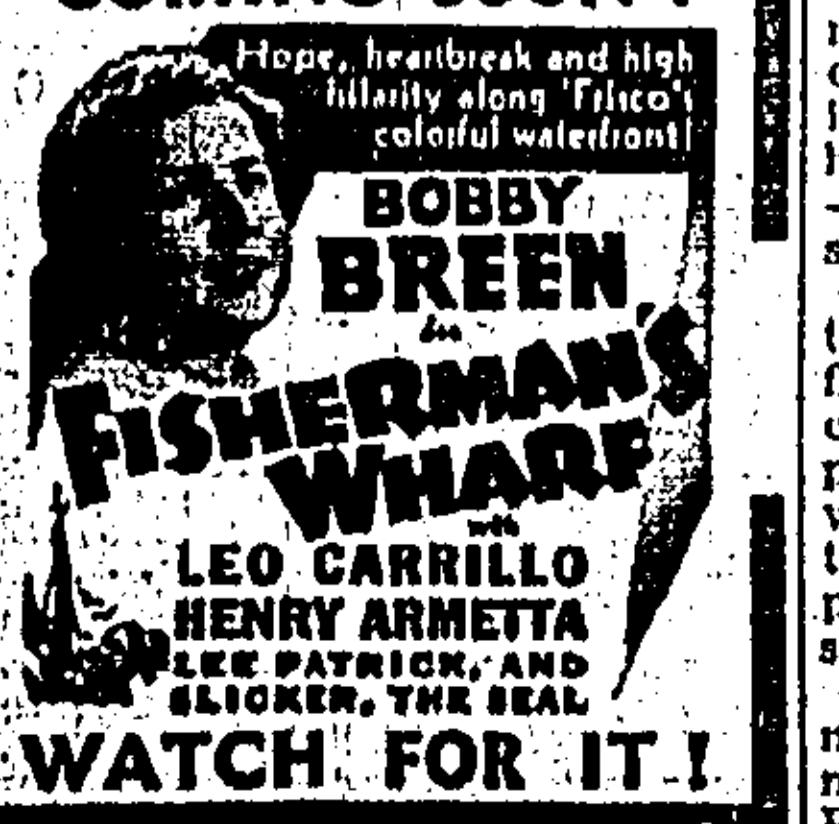
Tickets are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Bay (Tel. 2120).

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of Admission to the Public Enclosure is \$1.00 including Tax for all Persons, including Ladies, and is payable at the Gate. Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform are admitted Half Price.

By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary
Hongkong, 13th March, 1939.

COMING SOON!



By Ernie Bushmiller

143,982 PAID £11,269 TO SEE F.A. CUP "SERIAL"

By Charles Buchan

London, Feb. 3.

After five and a half hours of strenuous football spread over three games, West Ham United beat Tottenham Hotspur yesterday in the replayed fourth round F.A. Cup tie at Highbury.

In the second period of extra time Macaulay scored the goal that gave West Ham the right to visit Portsmouth in the fifth round on Saturday week.

The aggregate attendance at the three games was 143,982, the receipts totalling £11,269. There were 42,710 at the first game at Upton Park, 50,700 at White Hart Lane, and 50,480 at Highbury.

Each club will be richer, as a result of the ties, but I was surprised to find that several players of other League clubs were refused admission on production of their players' cards.

I spoke to several from Fulham, Brentford and Queen's Park Rangers who were indignant at being compelled to pay.

ALL PAY

With the expenses for the three games, including the fee for playing

ANOTHER SECRET

It may be that some other golfer by strict adherence to the exhortation contained in the phrase, "Stay behind the shot" will make similar rapid progress.

Hines claims that it is the secret of long hitting, and good golf in general. Allowing the body to move forward in the direction of the ball as the downward movement of the hands is made is one of the main causes why the "rabbit" remains a "rabbit."

The principal symptoms are body weight and the failure to keep a firm hold at "its" anchorage during the back swing. Further, the left side is allowed to give way, a condition not surprising since too much of the weight of the body is shifted to the right leg.

In these circumstances, there is not sufficient time to get it back and build up a firmly braced left leg and side.

Because the ball in relation to the weight, speed, and momentum of the club offers little more resistance than a piece of cottonwool, the player has to find something to hit against. In his case the fulcrum is the left side from the foot upwards.

A flabby left side means a flabby, ruined shot. Hines's pigeon-toed stance is typical of Cotton's address. In the case of the American player the stance is adopted to restrict the body turn, too much of which he regards as highly dangerous.

The backward swing of the hands is also curtailed, the point reached being slightly higher than the shoulders.

In this way Hines is able to keep the shot consistently straight without sacrificing length because of his great inherent strength, and, most important of all, he "stays behind the shot."

In the effort to keep his 14 stones behind the blow Hines almost gives the impression of falling backwards, a position known in America as a "Charley horse."

AN IMPORTANT HALT

A vertical line drawn from the left heel, which is dug into the turf, shows the whole body well behind the line. The follow-through indicates that the right hand, as in the case of all the experts, has taken control just before impact and carried on to a complete and uninterrupted finish.

While unable to drive as far as Hines, we may be able to hit further and straighter by adopting the counsel, "Stay behind the shot."

Marcel Dallongue, the Frenchman, who is one of the world's longest hitters, has no slogans to offer in the way of advice. According to him, length depends on three factors—physical strength, speed of down swing, and accuracy in hitting.

He regards physical strength as the principal factor, and it is significant that no examples exist of exceptionally long hitters who lack power. Strength lies chiefly in the wrists and forearms, for, according to their muscular development, the player will either be a long or a short hitter.

In the case of Hines, he has enormous big, powerful hands and the muscular forearms of a blacksmith. But there are some players of aver-



Love's fatal arrow strikes Jean Parker and John Beal, the romantic leads, in the new Bob Burns comedy-drama, "The Arkansas Traveller," which opens to-day at the Queen's Theatre.

Feb. 28151.

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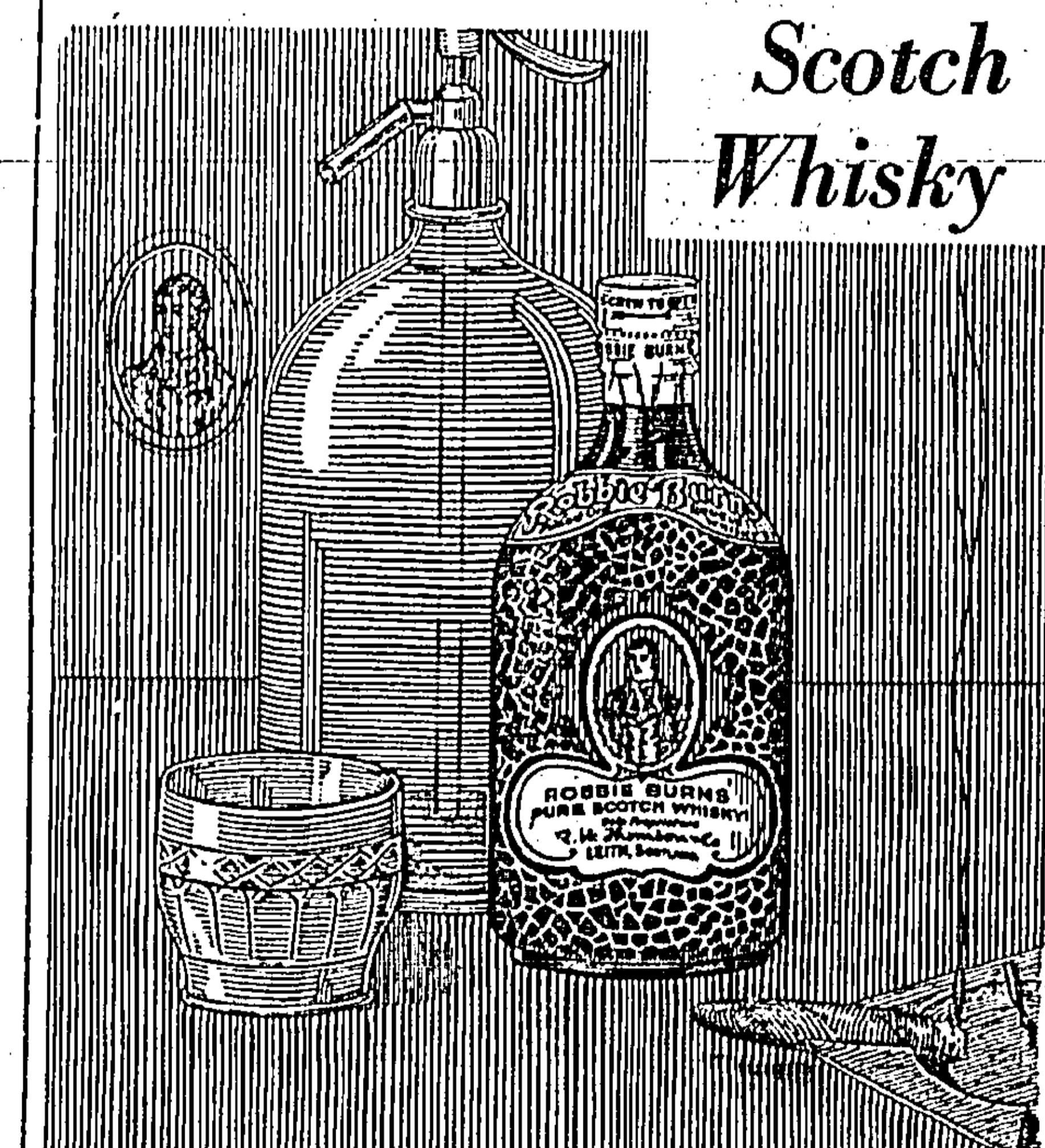
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Acquiring Balance

THEORETICALLY, we always long as you can, up to a minute, think of a woman as being then repeat with the other leg. graceful, but actually, only a small proportion of woman-kind are really other exercises while actually graceful as one expects them to be. Whether they are dancing, walking, sitting, or doing anything else, Grace depends on a number of things, of course, but one of the most important is balance.

You may, at first, think there is no connection between balance and grace, but anyone who has anything to do with physical culture will tell you that an ability to balance with ease has a direct effect on the physical movements of everyday life, since they lend assurance, ease, and control to the whole being.

At acquiring a certain amount of balance, and you may rest assured that it will improve your walking, dancing, and other activities. Include the following exercises in your daily physical jerks.

An Important Point

One of the first, and most important things to remember when doing balancing exercises is to keep the toes well turned out. The reason for this is twofold. Firstly, the body adopts a greater ease and more airy grace when the toes, and therefore the limbs, are turned out; you can prove this by watching the grace of ballet dancers. Secondly, it is a fact that it is easier to keep one's balance with the toes turned out, because the basis on which the body above is poised is greater than if the toes point merely straight forward.

The first and simplest exercise is to stand on one leg, with foot turned out, of course, and to raise the other slowly, keeping the foot well stretched down, and the bent knee smartly out. Keep this position as

Next some head exercises. Balancing on one foot, and keeping your hands on your hips, move the head, at first very gently, forward and up again, then similarly the sides and back. As your balance becomes surer, you can move the head more vigorously. Then you can try an even harder exercise, that is bending the head forward, then all round in a complete circle and up again. Shaking the head, at first gently, then more vigorously, is another thing to do.

Don't allow yourself to become agitated if you wobble when doing exercises. If you cannot steady yourself, just drop the second foot and rest for a second or two. If you allow yourself to get worried and hot and bothered you will completely spoil your chances of acquiring balance, for your subconscious mind will become worried and will lose confidence permanently.

Balancing exercises give you poise.

and they are well worth a little practice.

Roma Lobel

Youthful Married Women

"How do you manage to keep looking so young?" I asked a married woman of my acquaintance the other day. Although she has been married for over eight years, has two young children, and runs the home with only occasional help, she does not look older than I remember her in pre-marriage days.

She replied modestly that she did not know, and, quite frankly, did not think anything about it. So I was left to ponder over the reason, having as a background for my thoughts the fact that so many married women seem to grow older than the years warrant; and so many single women retain their youth till self-acknowledged middle age.

But something my friend let slip gave me a clue. "This is my night for the theatre," she said. She went on to explain that ever since she had married she had reserved one night in the week for her girlhood friends, most of whom were unmarried. They spent this one night together. During the winter months they went to an entertainment, and in the summer there was tennis or occasionally golf or a walk in the country. She looked forward to that night in the week, and had scarcely missed it in all the years of her married life.

Marvelling at the unusual length of such friendship, I became dimly aware of difficulties. "But the children?" I murmured. "Oh, my husband knows this is my night out and he tries to stay in, and, if he cannot, we get someone to come in." I also learned that both husband and wife arranged a night out by themselves each week if it were possible, even if it were only to have supper together in town.

In a Rut

Perhaps there is more in this than we think. We married women are so prone to settle down. For the first few weeks or months we retain something of our energy, even in being entertained or in sport or in friendship and companionship, but gradually we become tied to the home. It is so easy to slip into ways which, while they may do justice to the home, do not do justice to ourselves.

L. T.

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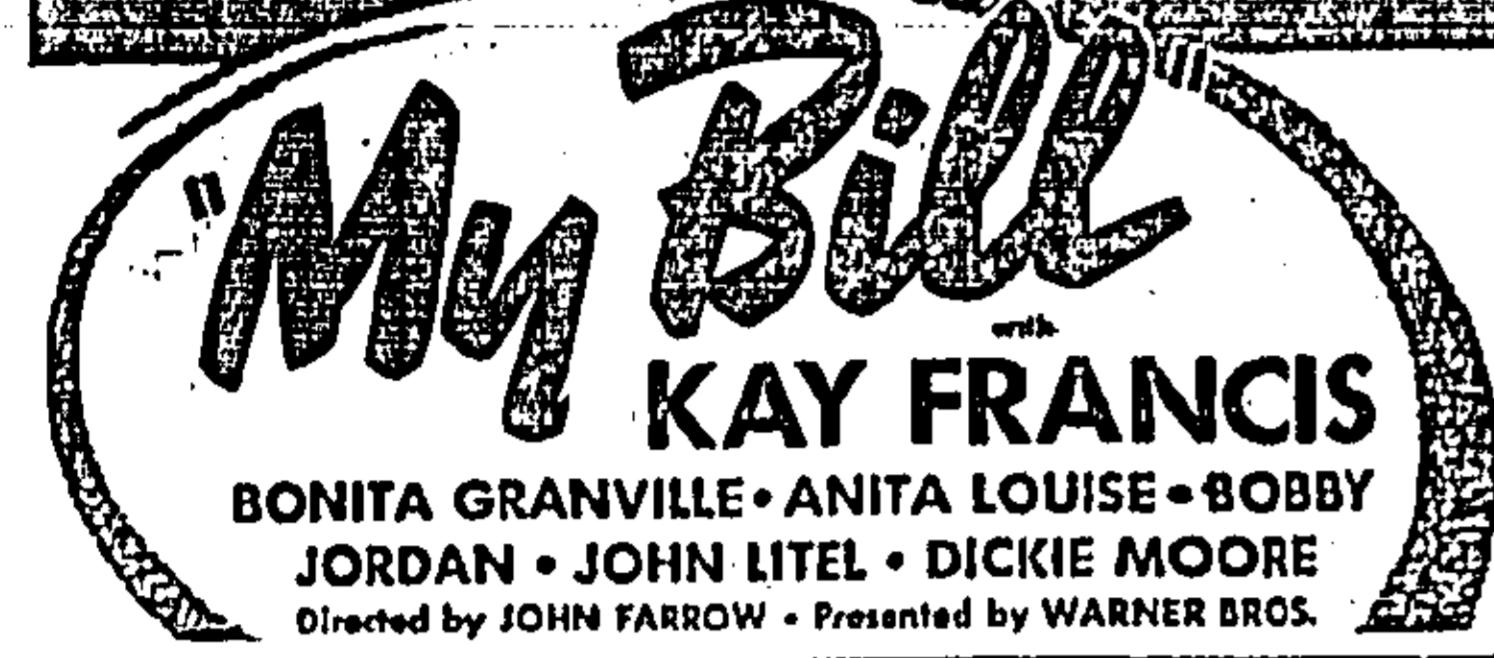
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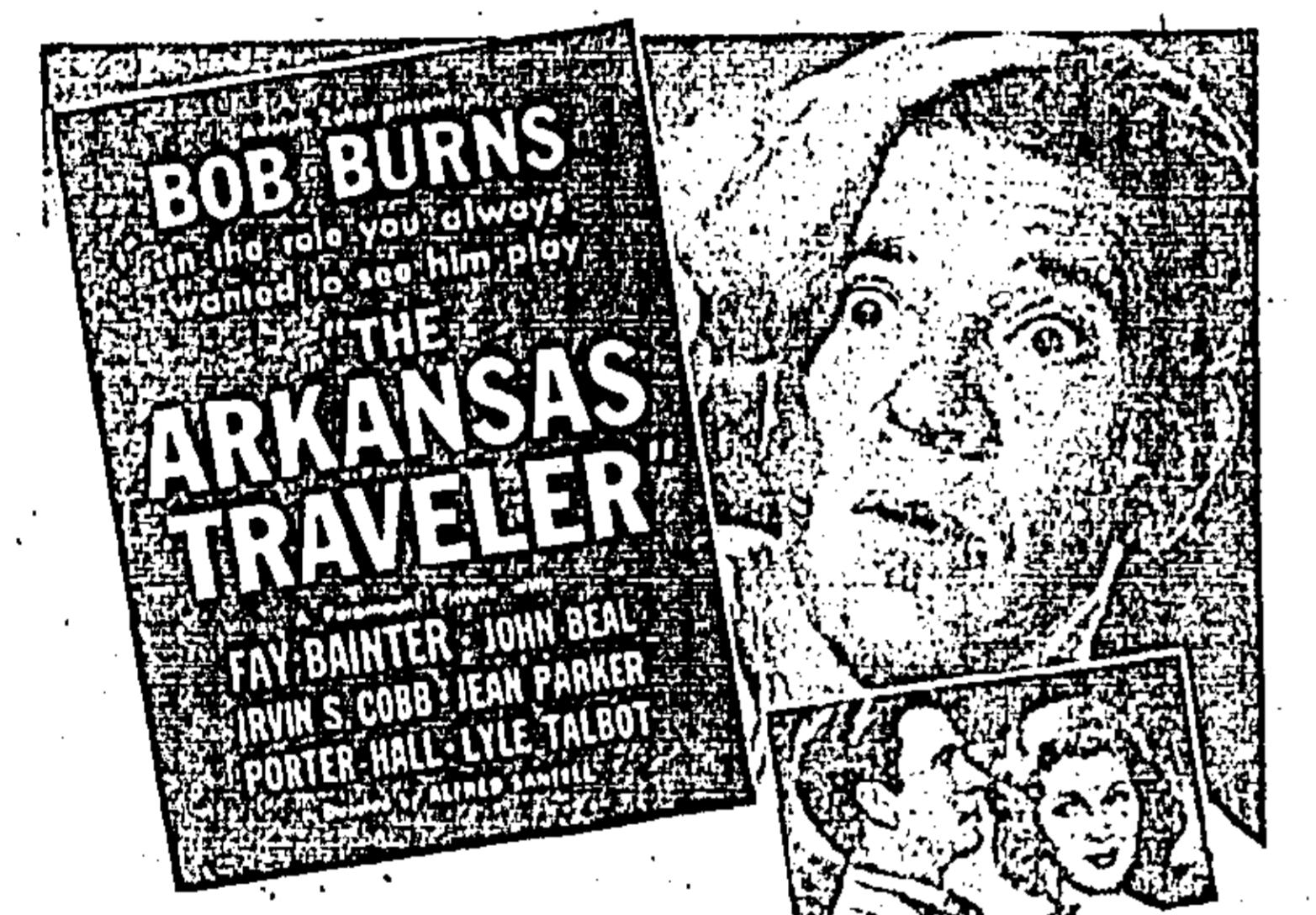
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THE LATEST NEWS FROM EUROPE

Czechs Clearing Out Of Ruthenia: German Troops Welcomed in Slovakia

PRAGUE, Mar. 15. IT WAS officially announced early this morning that the Prague Central Government has acceded to the Hungarian demands for the quickest possible withdrawal of Czech troops from Ruthenia.

The Czech Government has instructed General Prchala to discuss the necessary measures with the Ruthenian authorities. At the same time it is reported from Ukrainian quarters that General Prchala has left Hust. It is rumoured that the General fled to Rumania.

The Carpatho-Ukrainian Government has convoked the Diet for today in order to put the anchluss to the vote.

An official Czech manifesto, issued over all radio stations on Tuesday night, also declared that the Prague Government will also concede to all German demands. The manifesto declares that historic and geographic unity binds the Czech state with the realm of the German Reich, and that this has been recognised by the President, Dr. Hacha.

ANSCHLUSS NEGOTIATIONS

HUST, Mar. 14. The Foreign Minister of the new independent Ruthenian Government, M. Kecway, will communicate with the Hungarian Government during the night. It was officially stated here, in order to ascertain whether the Hungarian offer of January 29 is still valid. This offer, it is recalled, referred to Hungarian proposals for greater autonomy for Ruthenia under Hungarian rule than it enjoys at present as part of the Czech Federal State.

This inquiry marks the first overturture. It is declared, for a voluntary anchluss of Ruthenia to Hungary.—Trans-Ocean.

GERMAN TROOPS WELCOMED

MORAVIAN-OSTRAU, Mar. 14. The occupation of Moravian-Ostrau by German troops began at 5.30 p.m. Police-headquarters and the town-hall were first occupied. Police and officials were disarmed and detained. Czech troops had already left town and the whole industrial district, which forms the narrow salient between German and Polish territory.

At 6 p.m. further German troops crossed the Oder bridge which forms the frontier between Germany and Czech-Slovakia, and disarmed the Czech customs officials and police, who did not attempt any resistance. With armoured cars the troops quickly proceeded to Silesian-Ostrau which adjoins Moravian-Ostrau and from there to the Czech-Polish frontier at Michalovice.

Shortly after 8 p.m. further German troops reached Moravian-Ostrau where they were given a rousing welcome by the German inhabitants who had assembled before the German Club.

At the same time the industrial centre of Vilkovice, situated only a few kilometres further south, which contains large blast furnaces and iron foundries, was occupied by German troops.—Trans-Ocean.

PRAGUE GRANTS FREEDOM

PRAGUE, Mar. 14. The Slovak declaration of independence is recognised in the following statement broadcast from Prague this afternoon:

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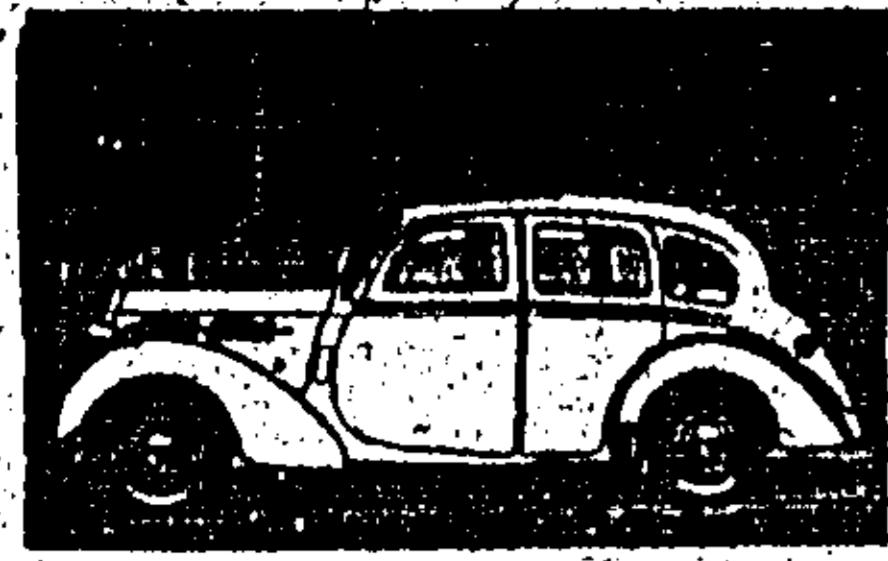
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Republic Disappears In Drives By Reich, Hungary:
Ruthenia, Occupied; Germans March On Prague

TOTALITARIAN TROOPS RACE TO GAIN RICH TERRITORIES

BERLIN, MAR. 15.

AN OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE ISSUED AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE CHANCELLERY CONFERENCE, DECLARES THAT GERMANY HAS TAKEN THE CZECH PEOPLE UNDER THE PROTECTION OF THE REICH.

AN AGREEMENT ON THESE LINES, DATED MARCH 15, WAS SIGNED BY HERR HITLER, PRESIDENT HACHA, AND M. CHVALOVSKY.

THE COMMUNIQUE FURTHER DECLARES THAT THE AUTONOMOUS DEVELOPMENT OF CZECH NATIONAL LIFE WILL BE GUARANTEED BY THE REICH.

OCCUPATION SET FOR 1 P.M. H.K.T.

The Prague Government went into an extraordinary session at 2 a.m. to await the result of the Berlin talks, and a Government spokesman, with tears in his eyes, told "Reuter" that German troops would enter Czech territory at 5 a.m. (1 p.m. H.K.T.).

The Czech army would be disarmed by the Germans as they meet.

THE DISMEMBERMENT of the Czech-Slovakian Republic has been completed.

The Democracy which, only six months ago, boasted a population of eleven millions and an area of 54,207 square miles, has to disappear.

This is how the split-up has been effected:

RUTHENIA, yesterday proclaimed an independent Republic, will probably revert to Hungary. It has a population of 725,000 people and an area of 4,886 square miles and lies in the easternmost neck of the dismembered Czech Republic, bordering Poland, Rumania and Hungary.

SLOVAKIA, the largest part of the Czech Republic, becomes an independent State under German "protection". It has an area of 18,895 square miles and a population 3,245,000. German troops have invaded it.

MORAVIA has an area of 10,384 square miles and a population of 3,501,000. It has been invaded by German troops and its future is uncertain.

WITHIN FEW HOURS

THE CZECH PORTION of the former Republic is to become a part of Greater Germany and the occupation of all cities, including Prague, commenced at 1 p.m. H.K.T. to-day.

Although, as exclusively reported by the "Telegraph" yesterday, the Prague Government granted the Slovak demands for complete independence—a fact confirmed by "Trans-Ocean" and "Reuter" this morning—events moved with such rapidity that dismemberment of the Republic became an established fact within a few hours.

It is believed almost certain that events were hastened by rivalry between Hungary and Germany, the two members of the anti-Comintern.

Fearing that German aid in securing autonomy for Slovakia would end for ever the 1000-year-old Hungarian claims to Ruthenia, the Budapest Government last night sent a 24-hour ultimatum to Prague, demanding:

HUNGARIAN ULTIMATUM

- 1.—The immediate release of all Hungarian political prisoners;
- 2.—Immediate cessation of the persecution of Hungarians and the grant to them of the right to organise themselves;
- 3.—Supply of rifles to Hungarian protective organisations in Slovakia and Ruthenia;
- 4.—Withdrawal of Czech troops from Ruthenia, to begin before the expiration of the ultimatum;
- 5.—Full respect for Hungarian property.

Before the expiration of the ultimatum, at 10 o'clock, Hongkong time, Hungarian troops began to pour across the frontier.

Simultaneously, according to broadcasts from Chust, Ruthenian capital, a demand was made for the immediate withdrawal of Czech troops.

German radio reports announced that the advance of Hungarian troops into Ruthenia was proceeding apace, and the Hungarians were reported at 11 a.m. to have occupied Svalava, north of Munkac.

BORDER FIGHTING

In an effort to impede the Hungarian advance, Czech troops blew up the railway line between Salank and Feketepatak, south-east of Munkac.

Hungarian troops, as they crossed the frontier, were attacked by Czechs with machine guns and hand grenades. The Hungarians returned the fire.

Skirmishes also occurred between Czech infantry and armed Slovak civilians who sought to prevent the occupation of the important railway junction at Dubna Skala.

An official News Bulletin issued in the Hungarian capital reported that Hungarian troops had reached Svalava, the most important railway centre in Ruthenia.

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FULL DETAILS OF OCCUPATION: WITHDRAWAL OF CZECH FORCES

BUDAPEST, MAR. 14.

HUNGARY'S ULTIMATUM TO PRAGUE, DEMANDING THE WITHDRAWAL OF CZECH TROOPS FROM RUTHENIA, AND THE RELEASE OF HUNGARIAN PRISONERS IN CZECHO-SLOVAKIA, EXPIRES AT 2 A.M. G.M.T. (10 A.M. H.K.T.).

Before the ultimatum expired, however, troops were on the move.

An earlier report from Berlin stated that well-informed circles there generally believed that German troops were ready to march into Czechoslovakia during the night.

The figure of 14 divisions was mentioned, but no official or reliable confirmation of this was forthcoming.

Why Armies March

RUTHENIA, an autonomous province inside the Czechoslovakian Republic, was Hungarian territory for 1,000 years until the end of the war.

Part of its 4,800 square miles, including Ushorod, the capital, and many of its 725,000 people were restored to Hungary by the Italo-German arbitration award in Vienna on November 2 last.

But both Poland and Hungary want Ruthenia restored to Hungary so that the two countries will have a common frontier.

Germany, on the other hand, wants an independent Ruthenia and Slovakia in order to provide an effective bulwark against Soviet Russia. If Ruthenia or Slovakia gain independence, they will effectively cut off the Czechs from Russia, and the Czechs will then entirely at the mercy of a ring of hostile nations.

That is why the present situation is causing grave anxiety in Europe.

O.S.K. Plan New Service

Osaka, Mar. 15. The Osaka Shosen Kaisha (O.S.K.) has decided to open monthly regular through steamship service between Japan and the Philippines in the middle of April.

The Takao Maru, 4,300 tons, will be employed on the new route. Stops will be made at Osaka, Kobe, and Nagasaki in Japan and Manila, Cebu and Davao in the Philippines. Domel.

The fate of the Czechs was sealed with the visit to Berlin of President Hacha and M. Chvalovsky, who were received by Herr Hitler, in the presence of Herr Joachim von Ribbentrop and Field-Marshal Hermann Goering.

The whole country seethed with rumours of troop movements. It is said that altogether, 40 divisions are in position for potential mobility, while 14 divisions were detailed for possible immediate action.

Two motorised divisions are reported to have left Breslau for the southern Silesian frontier, and large sections of the Berlin-Vienna motor road is closed to civil traffic.

Nazi motor corps—a motorised semi-military organisation—left Munich for the frontier.

A skirmish occurred about 2 p.m. between Czech infantry and Slovak soldiers belonging to Czech regiments who wanted to prevent occupation of the important railway junction at Dubna Skala by the Czechs.

A Slovakian detachment of engineers is said to have blown up a bridge near Dubna Skala, Trans-Ocean.

HUNGARIAN TROOPS
ON THE MARCH

BUDAPEST, MAR. 14. Hungarian troops, advancing from Muncac into Ruthenia, have reached the outskirts of Svalava, according to the official Hungarian News Bulletin published to-night.

Svalava is situated on the railway line about 20 miles north-east of Muncac and is the most important railway junction in Ukraine-Trans-Ocean.

WITHDRAW TROOPS DEMAND

Berlin, Mar. 14. According to a Chust telegram over the German radio, the Ruthenian Government at Prague for the withdrawal of all Czech troops from Ruthenia.

German radio reports also state that the advance of Hungarian troops into Ruthenia is proceeding, and it gives a Budapest report that Hungarian troops have occupied the town of Svalava north of Munkac.

Vienna, Mar. 14. Strong detachments of Czechs with tanks and heavy artillery were seen this afternoon on the road across the Tatra mountains from Silesia to Bratislava, advancing eastward on Slovakia.

Official news says that it is officially announced that Polish military detachments on the Polish-Slovakian border have occupied the town of Svalava north of Munkac.

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LATEST

Germans March Into Republic

Berlin, Mar. 15. Informed quarters understand that Dr. Hacha, the Czech President, following his three-hour interview with Reichsfuehrer Hitler last night, has complied with the German demands in full.

The German Fuehrer was understood to have expressed complete satisfaction at the outcome of his conversations with President Hacha.

The interview began at 1 a.m. and continued until 4.10 o'clock this morning.

Meanwhile, a Prague dispatch says that the Czech Defence Ministry announced at 4.30 o'clock this morning that German troops started marching into Czech territory at 6 o'clock this morning (2 p.m. H.K.T.) to occupy the districts of Bohemia and Moravia.—Domet.

Helen Wong Case: Amah Discharged

The case in which Chan Fa-yuen, 52, married woman, was charged with exercising control over a prostitute, on January 20, was completed before Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Magistracy this afternoon, when judgment was given. Defendant was discharged.

Another woman, Wong Chat-mui, who was similarly charged, was discharged after evidence was given by the prosecution on Monday.

The case concerned a 15-year-old American-born girl, Helen Wong, while the principal witness for the Crown was a person known as "Mr. X."

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Further Late News

R. A. Captain Sentenced

THE SENTENCE of the Court Martial on Captain D. L. S. Northcote, of the Elizab. Heavy Regiment of Artillery, who was accused of striking Bombardier J. S. Whitehead, has been pronounced.

Capt. Northcote has been sentenced to the loss of one year's seniority.

During the Court Martial it was alleged that Captain Northcote struck the bombardier on the mouth while his arms were held by other soldiers. Captain Northcote pleaded "Not guilty." He admitted fighting with Whitehead, but denied hitting him while his arms were held.

NEW BRITISH NOTE TO THE JAPANESE

LONDON, Mar. 14.

THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT is considering a new protest to Japan on the basis of information, presumably discovered by the secret service, alleging that pro-Japanese elements in Tientsin had created a special organisation for the perpetration of terrorist acts inside the foreign Concessions.

LONDON, Mar. 14. IN A WRITTEN REPLY in the House of Commons to-day, Mr. R. A. Butler said no reply had been received by the British as to the measures adopted by the Japanese authorities against the British Concession in Tientsin.

The acting Consul-General had interviewed General Homma, the Japanese military commander on March 6, when the whole position was reviewed, and General Homma undertook to discuss the matter with the Japanese Consul-General to enable the Consul-General to reply. Representations were made to the Japanese Government, it was understood, also by the French and American Ambassadors.

"APPROPRIATE REPRESENTATIONS"

Questioned as to British action with the introduction of the new Japanese currency regulations in North China, Mr. Butler answered: "Appropriate representations are being made to the Japanese Government, but I am unable to make a detailed statement at the present."

"Reuter" learns that the British, French and American notes to Tokyo regarding the currency and other trade restrictions, are couched in vigorous language.

It is understood that business came to a standstill on the first day of the new regulations. Many Japanese concede the inconvenience and virtual impossibility of the situation.

No official reports of the resulting effects have been received, but it is believed that the military, who forced through the new arrangement, will have to abandon their position sooner or later.—Reuter.

Ruthenian Govt. Reconstructed

Prague, Mar. 14. It is officially announced in Czech that the Ruthenian Government has been reconstructed.

Father Volosin remains Premier, and M. Julian Revay, who was dismissed from office by Prague, becomes Foreign Minister.

An official communiqué states that M. Revay is at present in Germany "defending the interests of his country."

The Czech General Prehoda, Minister of the Interior, has been relieved of his office.

The new Government is described as provisional, but it is generally thought here that Ruthenia will place itself under German protection.—Reuter.

City Death Leap

After injuring two of his fellow soldiers with a chopper, Li Yat, aged 30, jumped to his death from the second floor of the Cho-chung-Woo firm, in Bonham Strand East, this morning, about 2 o'clock.

It is learned that Li woke up this morning and went into the kitchen, and came out with a chopper. He then started to attack the other employees sleeping there. When some of the men heard cries, they got up, and saw Li jump off the verandah. The injured men were removed to the Queen Mary Hospital.

Boeing Trip Delayed

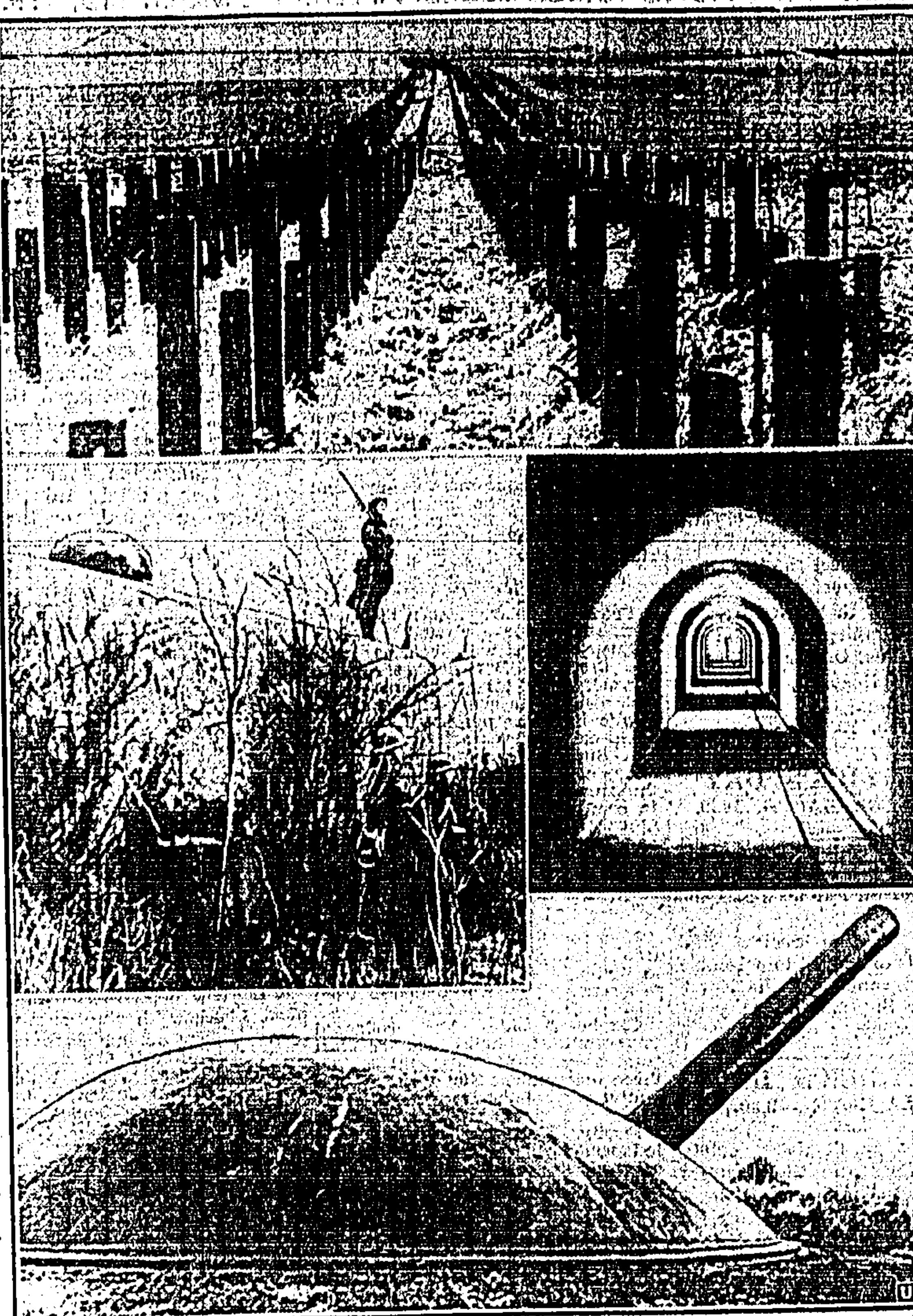
THE DATE of the first passenger flight of the 40-ton Boeing Clipper, which was scheduled to leave San Francisco for Hongkong to-day, has been postponed to March 29.

On the return flight from Hongkong to San Francisco, the new Clipper was delayed two days by mid-Pacific weather conditions, and did not arrive at San Francisco until Monday. This arrival date does not allow sufficient time for the U.S. aeronautical authorities to present their formal report to Washington authorising commencement of regular passenger service by to-day.

PHILIPPINE CLIPPER

Among the passengers arriving by the Philippine Clipper this week are Mr. Irving St. John, Col. Nelson Spences and Dr. Eric Lilljencrantz. They are through passengers from the United States.

London, Mar. 14.—A traction agreement was signed at the Chinese Embassy this afternoon.—Reuter.



While the God of War grins and European nations rush to arms, Belgium prepares to defend herself against a violation similar to that of 20 years ago. A vast network of defences now stretches along her eastern frontier from the Alps to the sea. These pictures, taken by special permission of Belgian Army Headquarters, illustrate her preparedness. Top, barbed wire entanglements and tank traps along the frontier, which has been mined. Left centre, sentries at a blockhouse in the line. Right centre, interior of one of the tunnels that stretch for miles under the frontier. Bottom, heavy artillery gun emplacement.

BRITISH TRADE DECLINE

London, Mar. 14. UNITED KINGDOM exports in February were valued at £83,052,216 compared with £75,558,722 a year ago.

Imports amounted to £65,515,512 against £75,793,898. The value of imports is lowest for any month for more than two years.

Re-exports last month were valued at £4,772,323 as against £5,527,700 in February, 1938.

For the first two months of the year the fall in the value of imports

Rush To Join R.A.F.

London, Mar. 14. Royal Air Force numbers are steadily rising, 809 recruits joining during the past week as against 233 in the same week last year, bringing the total acceptance of pilots, observers, airmen and boys since April 1, last, to 32,870 as against 15,129 for the corresponding period last year.—British Wireless.

compared with the corresponding period of 1938 is nearly £20,000,000, while the decline in exports is just over £1,000,000.—British Wireless.

HUNGARY TO ANNEX RUTHENIA

Announcement In Budapest

BUDAPEST, Mar. 14. Hungary intends to annex Ruthenia, it was declared here this evening in authoritative quarters. This intention is clearly phrased in the following official declaration by the Hungarian Government: "In consequence of the ambitions of the Prague Government, which are to-day ascertainable, conditions of the Munich agreement have not fulfilled. The territorial revisions provided for in the agreement have also been violated. With the Slovak declaration of independence, the problem of the so-called Carpatho-Ukrainian demands immediate solution. Hungary has always maintained the standpoint of the self-determination of peoples, and it is upon this standpoint that she has always demanded Carpatho-Ukrainian territory. The inhabitants of this district wish to return to Hungary. Thousands of appeals have been received by the Hungarian Government, all urging an immediate anchluss of this territory to Hungary."

"Hungary also gazes longingly to the Carpatho-Ukrainian district, since the key to security of the country lies to some extent there. We do not understand, in this connection, mere security in a military form or a geographical viewpoint, but primarily that protection which the Ruthenian forests afford to the Hungarian water system, and the low-lying plain district."

"Hungary cannot sit by with folded arms while a party representing a political minority exploits those forests which represent the only source of wealth of the country. These forests have offered resistance to the elements and human depredations for centuries, and have protected the Hungarian plains."

"The Carpathian forest district

guarantees the existence of 10,000,000 Hungarians and Hungary will take care that this guarantee falls into their own hands, and thus acquires a new protection."—Trans-Ocean.

Mexican Oil Appropriations

Mexico City, Mar. 14. Mr. Richberg, representing foreign oil interests in negotiations with the Government over the appropriations, had a conversation lasting an hour and a half with President Cardenas to-day, covering important topics.

The conversations were then adjourned until to-morrow.

Mr. Richberg said that if conclusions were reached in the next two days, he would make a statement that would end many unfounded rumours.

He expects to leave for Washington next week, and if necessary, will return to Mexico.—Reuter.

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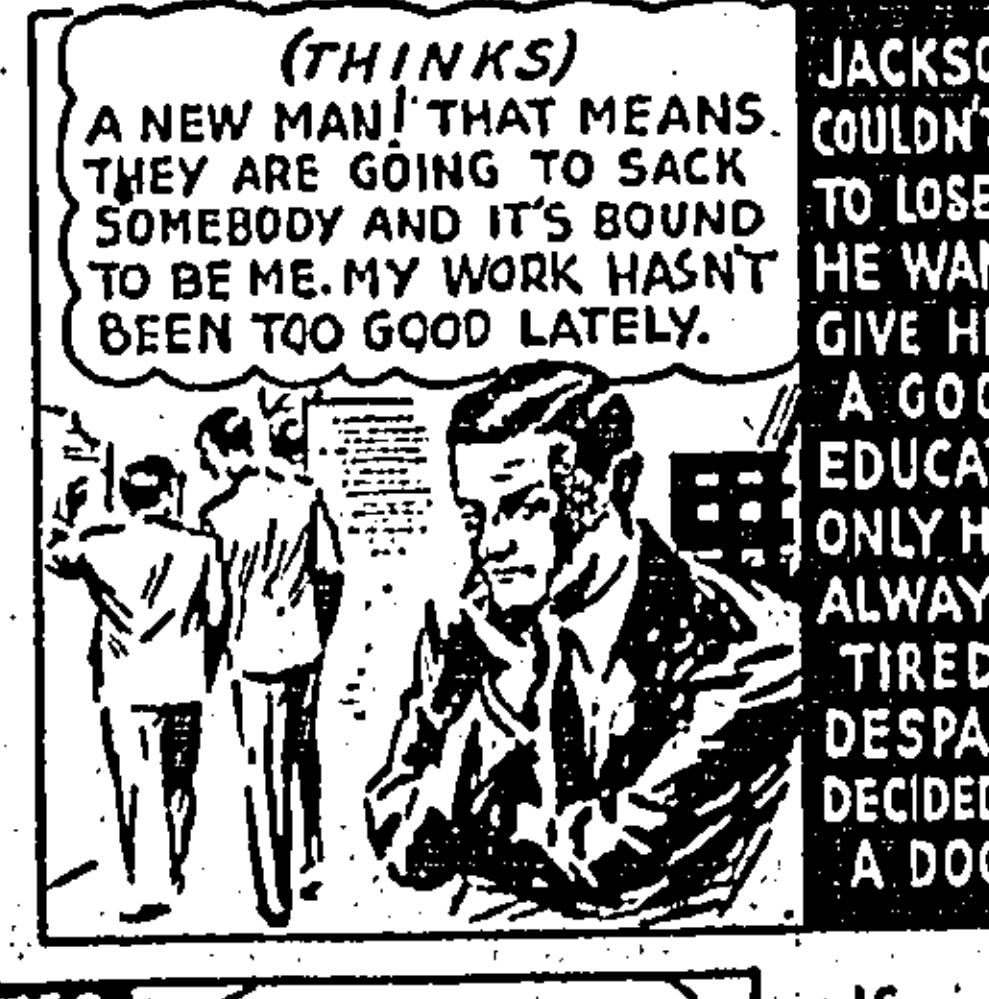
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CRISIS IN COMMONS

No Action By Britain Necessary

LONDON, Mar. 14.

ANSWERING A private notice question by Mr. Clement Attlee in the House of Commons to-day, Mr. Neville Chamberlain made a statement on Czechoslovakia.

The Premier outlined the events up to this morning, and added that he had not yet received official confirmation of the most recent press reports regarding the resignation of the Czech Government, and the independence of Slovakia.

Mr. Attlee asked what action the British Government would take in view of the guarantee entered into regarding the territorial integrity of Czechoslovakia, and whether they intended to consult with the other guarantors and with Prague in the light of the present situation.

Mr. Chamberlain said that the question of any action had not yet arisen.

MORAL OBLIGATIONS

Sir Archibald Sinclair asked whether the Government, still regarded under a moral obligation with regard to the guarantee.

Mr. Chamberlain replied that the position in that respect had not undergone any change.

The Premier made no reply when asked by Mr. Wedgwood Benn, who was going to pay back the £20,000 which the Premier had issued to Czechoslovakia without Parliamentary authority.

Replies to a further supplementary question by Mr. Attlee, Mr. Chamberlain reminded the House that the guarantee was one against unprovoked aggression against Czechoslovakia, and no such aggression had yet taken place.—Reuter.

HEALTH BULLETINS
Small-Pox Continues In Colony's Returns

Three cases of Small-pox, two each of Diphtheria, Chicken-pox and Dysentery, eight of Typhoid, 27 of Tuberculosis, 11 of Measles, and six of Measles, were reported on Monday.

The weekly return shows the following notifiable diseases: 13 cases of Small-pox with 11 deaths (two imported), 12 of Diphtheria with 16 deaths, three of Scarlet Fever, nine of Typhoid with four deaths, 60 of Measles with 33 deaths, 12 of Chicken-pox with two deaths (one imported), 38 of Meningitis with nine deaths, 18 of Dysentery with seven deaths, and 170 of Tuberculosis with 84 deaths.

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The Informant's name will be kept strictly private, except in cases where malice is proved.

BRITAIN PREPARES HER DEFENCES FOR THE NEXT CRISIS

(Continued from Page 6.)

are now to have the telephone installed for such an emergency.

As long ago as November, 1938 food plans were initiated. In that month the Food (Defence Plans) department was set up by the Ministry of Agriculture to control the supply and distribution of food in war-time.

Ration cards for the staple foods, such as bread, meat, butter, sugar and tea, similar to those used in the world war, were printed months ago in millions. It is claimed under the new organisation long food queues will not be necessary.

The department has divided Britain into 18 divisions, with a food control committee in each town or district. These committees, mainly composed of local tradesmen, would have absolute power in an emergency. One thousand five hundred local officers have already been appointed.

It is estimated that the organisation could swing into action within 24 hours, and have the rationing scheme operating in three or four weeks, compared with six months in the world war.

In addition, the government is quietly hoarding essential commodities, such as wheat, sugar and white oil. The granaries and warehouses are already bursting with sufficient supplies for at least six months. It is estimated.

SECRET PURCHASES

The government made their purchases secretly, through agents, in the open market. It was kept quiet so as not to raise prices, and also to prevent profiteering. Eventually, the government, itself, had to let the cut out of the bag, when in order to obtain the money to pay for its purchases, it got parliament to pass the Essential Commodities Reserves Act in 1938.

It is claimed that if war broke out, there would be sufficient supplies for everybody until a system of supplies from the Empire and elsewhere could get into operation.

For this purpose the merchant marine is being equipped with gun platforms and anti-mine paravane

Full Details of Coup

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Ruthenia frontier are being strengthened.

Meanwhile, according to a Prague report, it is reliably learned that the Government has ordered the return of Czech troops from Ruthenia in compliance with the Hungarian ultimatum.

Another Prague message says that an appeal for calm in the present historic events in Bratislava, was broadcast from the Prague wireless station to-day.

BRATISLAVA QUIET

From Bratislava comes the news that, except for a number of steel-helmeted police, with fixed bayonets, the streets of Bratislava are fairly normal. No flags are flying. Work is largely at a standstill, and the public is rather perplexed by the rapid current events.

A Budapest report says that a series of incidents have occurred on the frontier and within Ruthenia. In some cases, it is alleged, Czechoslovak troops have been involved, and Hungarians are alleged to have been ill-treated.

MARCH AT MIDNIGHT

Berlin, Mar. 14. Nazi sources predicted that German troops would enter Czechoslovakia at midnight to support M. Tiso, and to protect their own nationals from alleged Czech terrorism.

Czechoslovakia has collapsed under military threat, and the Nazi "march eastward" has split it into three independent States on the first anniversary of the seizure of Austria.

Firstly, Slovakia has proclaimed independence; secondly, Ruthenia in broadcast proclaimed independence a few hours later; thirdly, Bohemia and Moravia remain under Czech rule, but only through Nazi sufferance.

Britain and France maintained a "hands-off" policy and Italy applauds as Herr Hitler forces the "co-operation" of Prague.

40 CASUALTIES

Bratislava, Mar. 14. It is unconfirmedly reported from Chust that Czech troops killed approximately 40 Ukrainians and wounded many more while attempting to suppress independence demonstrations to-day.—United Press.

CZECHS CAPITULATE

Prague, Mar. 14. It was officially announced early this morning that the Prague Central Government has acceded to the Hungarian demands for the quickest possible withdrawal of Czech troops from Ruthenia.

The Czech Government has instructed General Prchal to discuss the necessary measures with the Ruthenia authorities. At the same time it is reported from Ukrainian quarters that General Prchal has left Chust. It is rumoured that the General fled to Rumania.

Tickets may be obtained from Mr. P. J. A. Hamilton, Hon. Treasurer, P.O. Box 417 or Harbour View Hotel, Chatham Road, Kowloon.

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The Transfer Books of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 18th March, 1939, to THURSDAY, the 23rd March, 1939, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

C. M. MANNERS, Secretary and Manager, Hongkong, 4th March, 1939.

gear. The naval estimates for 1939 will contain an item of £60,000 for this work.

The gun platforms are being built in the sterns of the ships only. All other European countries have them both fore and aft, thus affording them the opportunity to attack us well as defend.

On February 9, the Registrar-General, Sir Sylvester P. Vivian, issued instructions to all local authorities to quicker their preparations for a census "with a view to instituting a national register, if and when necessary, on very short notice."

A census normally takes one year to prepare, but it is expected that it will be possible to hold it this year, if necessary. The machinery should be ready within six months.

It will cost £250,000, and will need 14,000,000 forms and 50,000 enumerators and police officers. Ordinarily, the information derived from a census takes years to tabulate, but a national register could be drawn up from it in three months. A special act of parliament will be necessary to advance the date for the scheduled census year, 1941.

DISMEMBERMENT OF CZECH REPUBLIC

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At the same time the Hungarian Foreign Office spokesman denied that the Hungarian forces had occupied territory inside the 25-mile demarcation zone. He claimed that the Hungarian position was in accordance with the Note of January 11, which stated that the Hungarians, in the event of further Czech attacks, would pursue the attackers beyond this line.

The peaceful occupation of Ruthenia was made possible when, at 11 a.m., the Czech Government announced that all Czech troops were being withdrawn.

ANSCHLUSS WITH HUNGARY

Hungarian demands for Ruthenian autonomy were also acceded to.

Immediately this announcement was made, preparations were made in Chust, the Ruthenian capital, for the convocation of the Diet.

The Diet will at once consider the measures necessary for an immediate *anschluss* (union) with Hungary, to which country the Czech province belonged before the Great War.

Events elsewhere in Czechoslovakia also moved rapidly.

As exclusively reported yesterday, the Czech Government needed to Herr Hitler's demands for complete independence for Slovakia, and confirmation of this report was made this morning by the Prague Radio Station, which announced that Slovakia had severed all bonds with the Republic.

MARCH INTO SLOVAKIA

At midnight, however, German troops began to occupy the border cities of both Slovakia and Moravia.

Official Czech quarters confirmed that Maerischostrau, in Moravia, had been occupied and that the German forces were advancing on Mistek.

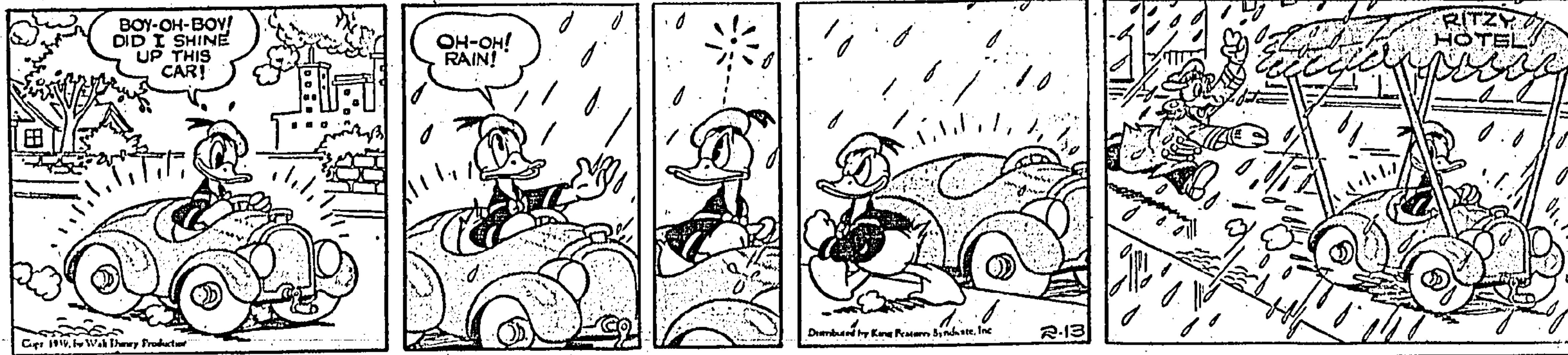
Ostrau, another Moravian centre, was occupied at 9.40 p.m. (5.30 a.m. H.K.T.), the German minority giving the invaders a hysterical welcome.

With the later occupation of the entire Silesian Ostrava and Moravian Ostrava areas, one of the richest industrial centres of Czechoslovakia fell into German hands. Towns occupied included Vitkovice, which contains the largest blast furnaces and iron foundries in the dismembered Republic.

GERMANS MOVE IN

As the occupation of Moravia was being completed, German S.S. troops were also marching into Slovakia. Maerischostrau and Radwanitz were occupied at 5 p.m. (1 a.m

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CHINESE SAPPER TO APPEAL

Blood-Stained Coat In Court

A blood-stained jacket was produced and examined in court to-day by Mr. H. A. D. Forrest at the Central Magistracy when Ho Yam, Chinese sapper of the Royal Engineers, was charged with assaulting and wounding a man in Lockhart Road on March 6.

Tam Sing said he was walking down Lockhart Road at 9 p.m. when the defendant came up and attacked him with a knife, stabbing him in the left arm and chest.

The white jacket he was wearing at the time was then produced, and the magistrate examined the silt, alleged to have been caused by the knife.

Tam Sing said defendant was accompanied by two other Chinese in military uniform who hit him in the face with their hats. He felt dizzy and leant against a wall. Later an Indian constable arrived and arrested Ho Yam.

INTENDS TO APPEAL

Ho Yam said he left barracks that night and saw a crowd fighting in Lockhart street and went to pacify them, but they turned on him. He denied attacking the complainant and said he gave him charge to the Indian constable.

He said he had not tried to run away, and denied that there were two other Chinese in uniform with him. He pointed out that no knife had been found on him.

Evidence of arrest was given by the Indian constable, who said he took complainant to the police station by holding his arm as he was dizzy. The Chinese sapper walked beside.

Mr. Forrest convicted defendant and sentenced him to six months' hard labour.

"I intend to appeal," said the Chinese sapper.

Ichang Devastated

Over 100 casualties in new Japanese air raids on Ichang. Central part of wrecked city again devastated and planes attacked river craft. Raids also carried out on Lukloh, Sian and Paochi.

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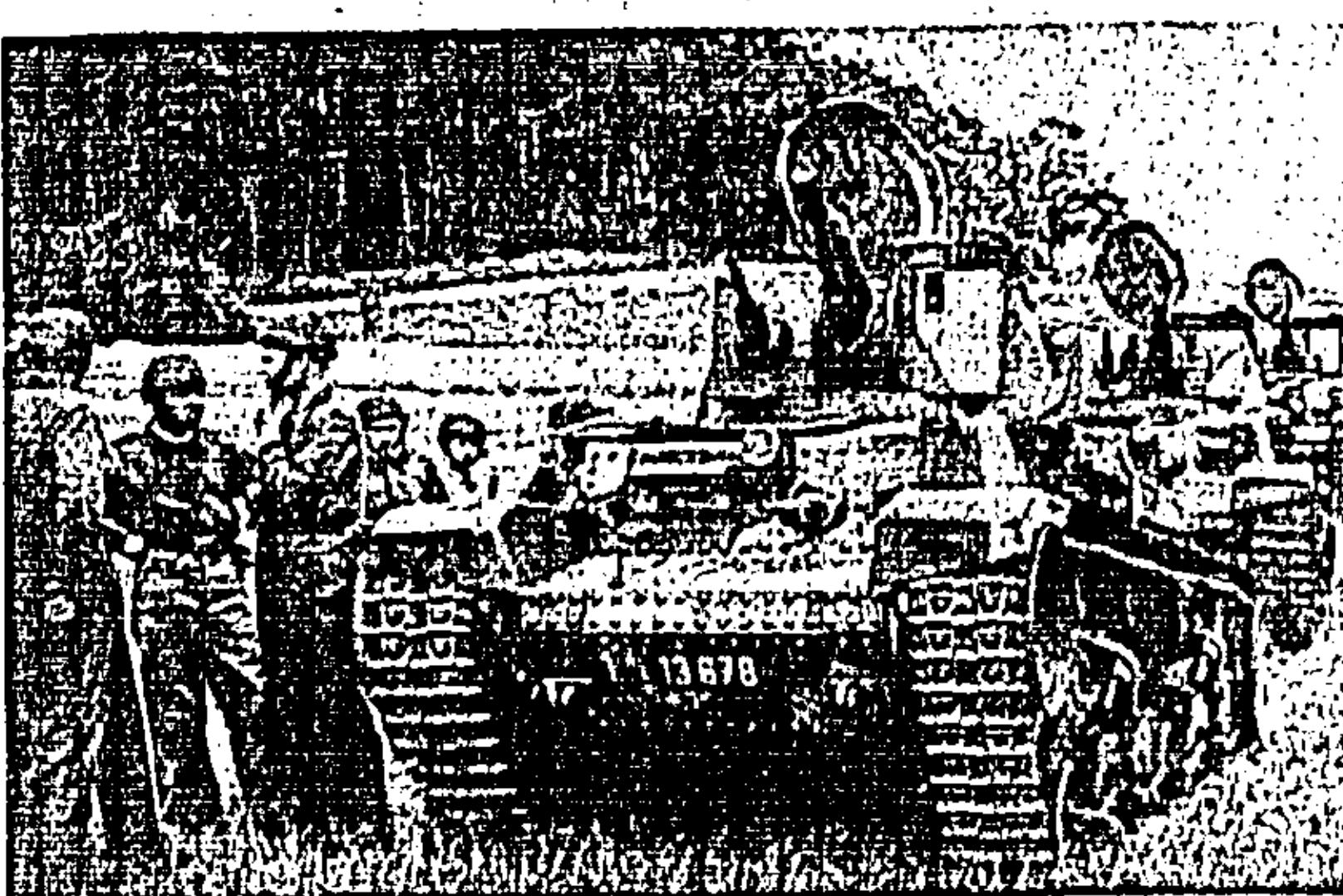
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MEDIUM TANKS of the Czech-Slovakian army in the Bohemian district at a moment when the Czech-German situation was particularly tense last September. Eye-witnesses record the highly mechanised nature of this republican force, which is stronger than many people believe, having a reserve of arms second to none among the smaller European powers.

DEBATE ON ESTIMATES

Co-operation With French Army

LONDON, Mar. 14. OPENING THE report stage of the army estimates in the House of Commons to-day, Mr. Lees Smith (Lab) expressed the opinion that the conversations with France had not been sufficiently comprehensive.

There were other areas of possible conflict, especially in north-western Europe, where vital British interests were concerned, he said.

In Holland, anxiety was so great that Dr. Collin, the Premier, had asked the people to be calm.

Threats against Denmark had been more menacing than those previously directed against Czechoslovakia.

There were other countries like Denmark of importance to us, whose existence was in danger, and it was the duty of our representatives to regard those countries as their responsibility, because they were not participating in the Anglo-French discussions.

FIRST INSTALMENT OF MUNICH

Mr. Winston Churchill congratulated the Prime Minister on his decision to equip the territorial force with the same weapons as the regular army. The decision to provide 10 field divisions was a momentous declaration. He had rarely heard anything so important stated from a Service department.

"It is the first instalment of Munich, and I am afraid other drafts will be presented regularly during the greater part of our lifetime," declared Mr. Churchill, adding: "It is a great pity that the statement was not made a year or two ago."

"Such a force in action would burn up material at a prodigious rate."

He asked for an assurance that factors were being planned to make the necessary supplies.

Mr. Churchill also emphasised the importance for draft-financing units, especially for dealing with an enemy which might land in the country. It was quite possible for several thousand men to be landed by aeroplanes, and there were important munitions centres which might attract them.

A Look Through The "Telegraph"

50 YEARS AGO

March 15, 1889. It is really very sad to know that there are over a million girls in England who are not likely to get married. To legalise bigamy would doubtless solve the difficulty.

25 YEARS AGO

March 15, 1914. Lieutenant Bruges of the Royal Flying Corps has broken the British altitude record by attaining a height of 16,000 feet at Eastchurch. At that height the atmosphere was 38 degrees below zero, and the intrepid aviator was severely frost-bitten.

General von Plettenburg, commanding the German Guards, has issued a decree against the wearing of the so-called "English" or "tooth-brush" moustache. Non-commissioned officers and men are to be informed that these appendages are unsuitable for Prussian soldiers and are not consonant with the German national character.

10 YEARS AGO

March 15, 1924. At the annual meeting of shareholders of the Green Island Development Co. Ltd., Mr. H. G. Shawen, who presided, reported that the demand for cement for the past three months had been so heavy that orders had to be turned away daily.

Shareholders subsequently approved of the expenditure of £50,000,000 for the purchase and installation of a modern cement plant at the Company's works at Hook End. It was stated that the Company would in future devote its energies entirely to Hook End. No more capital would be spent at Macao, and no Deep Water Bay works would either be sold or demolished.

Captain G. A. Evans of the Chungking Garrison Reserve, Captain S. M. Jerning from reserve, has gone master, Chunking.

Mr. Curnow, extra second officer, Shensi, Mr. E. J. Thomas, second officer, Ngankin, has gone extra second officer.

Mr. N. Pounder, chief officer, Tungchow, is on Home leave. Mr. W. H. Paul, chief officer, Wanhsien, has gone chief officer, Tungchow.

Mr. G. P. Cope, chief officer, Shensi, is on reserve.

Captain Morse, China Navigation Co., is on Home leave.

Captain J. Pringle, China Navigation Co., is on Home leave.

Mr. E. S. Condell, second officer, Anking, has gone second officer, Kwangtung.

Mr. J. W. Anderson, chief engineer officer, Kwangtung, is reported. Mr. J. A. Anderson, second engineer officer, Tungchow, has gone chief engineer officer, Ichang.

5 YEARS AGO

March 15, 1934. The still smouldering burning out of the U.S.S. Fulton was this morning being towed slowly towards Junk Bay after a night of terrible scenes of the most terrible and macabre adventures during the two days on the China Coast.

Extreme coolness and discipline in the face of a perilous situation—by the officers and men of I.M.M.S. Wishart and those of the U.S.S. Fulton—was instrumental in preventing the loss of a single life.

Mr. J. W. Wishart, finding the Fulton blazing beacon-like with over a hundred men still on board, resorted to the daring expedient of running in alongside, smashing in her bows so doing, but enabling the imperilled men to jump from ship to ship.

Twice in heavy seas, the manoeuvre was repeated, once at the bows, the burning gimbob having been divided into two by a rearward wall of flame.

The fire broke out in the engine room. An exhaust pipe blew out, the flame oil round the engine, the flame lashed across the oil tank, which scattered blazing oil in all directions.

The Norwegian a.s. Norvik, under charter to the Indo-China Steam Nav-

BRITAIN'S HUGE DEFICIT

More Than £23,000,000 Short Of Income

LONDON, Mar. 14.

WITH ONLY three weeks of the financial year to run the deficit on March 11 amounted to £23,805,012, having been reduced during the week by £20,662,491.

Ordinary revenue during the week totalled £25,374,823, making the total to date £850,731,074 or £43,510,059 more than the corresponding date last year.

Total expenditure, less self-balancing items, was over £803,000,000 compared with £806,004,277 at the corresponding date of 1938, and with the estimate for the present financial year of £948,366,000.

The yield from income tax last week was £13,137,000—as against £10,307,000 in the corresponding week a year ago.—British Wireless.

U.S. COMMODITY PRICES

LATEST CABLED QUOTATIONS

New York, Mar. 14.

New York Cotton

	Opening	Closing
Mar.	8.80 /79	8.74 /74
May	8.40 /40	8.34 /34
July	8.10 /10	8.12 /13
Oct.	7.71 /71	7.75 /75
Dec.	7.74 /74	7.69 /69
Jan.	7.72 /74	9.09 /99

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The last Notice day for March Cotton is March 17th.

New York Rubber

Mar.	10.43 N	
May	10.50 /50	10.52 /52
Sept.	10.43 /43	10.48 /48
Dec.	10.44 /44	10.46 /46

To-day Sales:—400 tons.

The last Notice day for March Rubber is March 20th.

Chicago Wheat

May	67.5% /67.5%	67.4% /67.5%
July	67.4% /67.5%	67.2% /67.5%
Sept.	68.5% /68.5%	68.5% /68.5%

Monday's Sales:—2,920,000 bushels.

Chicago Corn

May	40.5% /40.5%	40.7% /40.5%
July	40.5% /40.5%	40.4% /40.5%
Sept.	50.5% /50.5%	50.5% /50.5%

Winnipeg Wheat

May	60.5% /60.5%	60.5% /60.5%
July	61% /60%	61% /60%
Oct.	61% /60%	61% /60%

gation Company, put into Swatow this morning more than twenty-four hours earlier, gave an explanation that she had been pirated.

Twenty-two men took part in the coup, seizing control of the ship, bound from Shanghai to Hongkong via Swatow, in the vicinity of Turnabout, in the early hours of Tuesday morning.

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He said he was of the opinion that the whole danger of present foreign war was that we were asking the French to work in the interests of building up an international armed force under the League, and he thought that nations might be united throughout particular causes and thus give the world security.

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My Heaven In The Pines (Campbell-Sister-Contralto)—Meet Me Down In Sunset Valley (Gilbert) ... Primo Scala's Accordion Band Chinatown: My Chinatown (Jerome-Schwartz); Rockin' Chair (Carmichael); ... Mills Brothers Quartet with Guitar: Whoops We Go Again (Harvey); If The Old River Thame Were The Danube (Roberts-Butler).

Primo Scala's Accordion Band with Vocal Chorus: Jingle Bells (from 'Spy 13'); Sleepy Head (from 'Spy 13'); ... The Mills Brothers (Four Boys and a Guitar); Let Me Be Your Sweethearts over again; Horsey, Horsey; ... Primo Scala's Accordion Band with Vocal Chorus.

1.00 Close Down.

2.00 Schubert—Symphony No. 7 in C Major.

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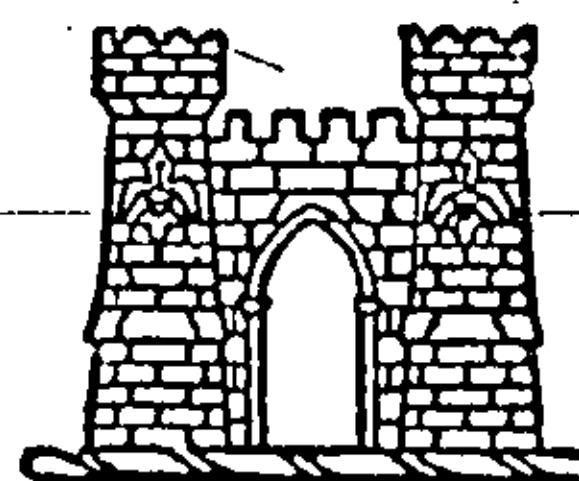
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Italy's Claims

ITALY tells France and Great
Britain that her dispute with
France will be settled by diplomatic
means and not by the sword.

What does that mean? If the
verbal promise, which will be con-
firmed later this week in official
Notes, is what "United Press" will
have us believe, it means that one
of Europe's greatest dangers has
been removed.

Mussolini is a dictator who
keeps his word. If he says the
sword will remain sheathed, there
will be no war between France and
Italy. In settling a territorial
grudge that has lasted since the
Italian kingdom came into existence
in 1860 under the House of
Savoy.

What is the basis of Italy's
claims?

She claims that in 1858 she
made a deal with Napoleon III, of
France, whereby, in exchange for
French help in driving the
Austrians out of the northern
Italian provinces of Lombardy and
Venice, she should concede to
France the Commune of Nice and
the Duchy of Savoy.

This Italy did, but Napoleon
signed the treaty of Villafranca with
the Austrians when only
Lombardy had been captured.
Venice—that prize to be matched
only with the Nice that the Italians
had ceded—was left in Austrian
hands.

That is the basis of the Italian
claim to these two parts of France.
Of Tunisia, she says this was
her first effort in African colonisation
when she began to feel her
feet as a Mediterranean Power.

All went well until 1881, when
France, who was colonising the
neighbouring territory of Algeria,
sent a punitive expedition to quell
native rebels. The rebels retreated
to the hinterland of Tunis, where-
upon the French marched into
Tunisia, occupied the whole territory,
and declared it to be a French
protectorate.

That constitutes Italy's claim to
Tunisia. To-day, she says, the
rigorous French laws still dis-
criminate against the predominant
Italian population of Tunisia.
French naturalisation laws in
Tunisia are, perhaps, even more
annoying to the Italians. These
laws turn every Italian there into a
Frenchman.

Corsica is make-weight in these
claims.

There is one big flaw in Italy's
claim. The acts she complains
about took part at a time when
every Power that had the
money and guns to back its claims
was grabbing pieces of the good
earth. If Italy can claim land to
which she feels she had some right
eighty years ago, why not add a
few claims for the seventeenth
century? Why not go back to the
early days of European history?

In which case, of course, Italy
has solid foundation for claiming
practically the whole of Europe, in-
cluding the British Isles.

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It's Spring,
so give yourself
a treat . . .

OR

why I paid \$100
for an inkstand

with the humdrum is to put the
best possible face on it. "In the
sweat of the face shalt thou eat
bread," says the Old Testament.
But the New Testament says: "Man
shall not live by bread alone." No-
where are we told that by the sweat
of his brow shall man keep his soul
alive.

Further, the book of Ecclesiastes
tells us that there is "a time to get,
and a time to lose, a time to keep,
and a time to cast away." Surely
money is a thing to be got and lost,
kept and cast away?

I hold no brief for extravagance,
and to obey the second and fourth
of Ecclesiastes' injunctions and dis-
regard the first and third would be
the height of extravagance. What I
am advocating, dear reader, is to
observe thrift in season, but to
realise that, though a flower of
virtue, it is one of those flowers
which are entitled to be out of season.

In other words, I am telling
you that when you feel
necessity to let it rip, it is wise to
let it rip. A stitch in time saves
nine.

But you don't want a garment so
covered with precautionary stitches
that it becomes unsightly. When it
is a case of rip or burst, I say rip.
But do not rip too often.

That great man, Francis Bacon,
said much the same things when he
wrote: "A man ought warily to begin
charges which once begun will
continue; but in matters that return
not he may be more magnific."

What Bacon meant was that it isn't
every day we kill a pig (or buy an
inkstand). But that when we do so
we ought to kill him, and buy it
handsomely!

You cannot pronounce the word
without wrinkling the nose. Yet
heal if they make your ankles he who possesses it knows where
to precede your tos like a worn out tell it to get out.

It is a pair of shoes so high in the heel
as it is an admirable quality, provided
it is rank humbug to pretend that
it is a curmudgeon-like word.

NEARLY all the happiness
of life is in escape. The
fortunate few who are artists may
enjoy their work. But to the great
majority work is not enjoyable, and
it is rank humbug to pretend that
it is a plain man's mouth. It is

emptying out doors, window-
cleaning, bus-driving, waiting on
old-age pensioners and building soci-
eties. It is the last hope of obese
annuitants. It is the passion of fighting tedious lawsuits, showing a
those who deny themselves in youth lot of sheep into cinemas, carrying
to have the things which in old age figures from one column into another
they won't want. It is twin sister other, kneading the bread other
to avarice and first cousin to mean- people are going to eat.

The best thing that can be done

Britain Prepares Her Defences

For The
Next
Crisis
III

SLOWLY BUT surely Sir
John Anderson, Britain's
unofficial Minister for Civil
Defence, is putting his plans
for the defence of Britain
in the next war into effect.

His latest, and so far biggest,
is free air-raid shelters for poor
people.

Soon after he took office last
November, Anderson announced
that the government would buy
£20,000,000 worth of steel and other
material to build these shelters.

Now 10,000,000 people in Bri-
tain with incomes of not more than
£5 (\$25) a week are able to
have one just for the asking.

In his announcement Anderson
indicated that the government be-
lieved that most danger in an aerial
attack will come from explosive
bombs. It is understood that the

government does not now believe
that gas-bomb will be used, at least,
at first, and that the danger will
therefore be from flying splinters,
falling debris, and incendiary bombs.

According to the plan local
authorities will visit householders to
ask if they want a shelter. If the
answer is yes, it will be delivered in
sections. The householder can either
store, build it up against a wall, or
sink it in his back yard. But he
must not sell it or give it away. It
will remain government property.

FREE SHELTERS

The free shelters will be loaned to
people with incomes of £250

(\$1,250) or under, unless they have
more than two children, in that case
the income limit goes up £50 for
each additional child. They must
live in houses with no basements,
and of not more than two storeys.

Anybody else who wants one, must
pay for it, but the government can-
not yet say how much they will
cost.

Later on work will begin on turning
bigger houses, blocks of flats and
tenements and other buildings into
fortresses by means of steel sheets,
and structural support for basements.

Another of Anderson's more recent
announcements was that from April
1, A.R.P. will be controlled by the
police. Hitherto, local governments
had the handling of it. Under the
police, however, it is expected that
the work will be better organised
and co-ordinated.

Three other schemes, in which the
government is directly interested,
evacuation, food, and a national re-
gister.

EVACUATING DANGER ZONES

On February 9, the Ministry of
Health announced a plan for
evacuating danger areas with a total
population of 17,500,000. The plan
split England, Scotland and Wales
into three groups: (1) Evacuation
areas, (2) Neutral areas, and (3)
Reception areas.

Evacuation areas, namely those from
which the population would be
moved—compulsorily unless good
reasons were advanced for staying
are: All London boroughs, Southampton,
Portsmouth, Gosport, Chatham,
Gillingham, Rochester, Birmingham,
Smythwick, Liverpool, Manchester,
Salford, Bootle, Birkenhead, Leeds, Sal-
fords, Newcastle, Gateshead, Glasgow,
Edinburgh and Dundee.

Neutral zones, namely those which
neither would be evacuated or used
as reception areas, are: Parts of the
counties of Cornwall, Derbyshire,
Devonshire, Essex, Gloucestershire,
Hampshire, Kent, Leicestershire,
Lincolnshire, Middlesex, Norfolk,
Nottinghamshire, Somerset, Stafford-
shire, Surrey, Warwickshire, Wor-
cestershire, Glamorgan and Mon-
mouthshire.

Other areas, which are not listed
as evacuation or neutral zones, and
are therefore assumed to be reception
areas, are: Bedfordshire, Buck-
inghamshire, Berkshire, Cambridgeshire,
Cumberland, Dorset, Hereford,
Huntington, Lincolnshire, Northants,
Oxfordshire, Rutland, Shropshire, Suffolk, Sussex, West-
moreland, Isle of Wight, Wiltshire
and all Wales, except Glamorgan and
Monmouthshire.

Plans for actual evacuation are not
yet formulated, local authorities in
the reception areas, however, are
making enquiries regarding billeting
and available accommodation.

SCHOOL EVACUATIONS

If and when the time comes, it is
assumed that children will be
evacuated by schools, as was planned
during the September trials. For
the adults, an elaborate transport
plan is being drawn up, using train,
motor-coach and lorry. All schools
(Continued on Page 4.)



"There's been a terrible mistake—Mrs. Shadsgrove has taken this box for the season."

RUMJAHN COUSINS SUPPLY MORE THRILLS IN DOUBLES

Outplayed At First But Recover Well To Win

(By "Abc")

No greater compliment can be paid to the Rumjahn cousins, "S. A." and "H. D." than to say that after 14 years of continuous partnership they are still as delightful to watch as they were in 1925 when, as mere striplings, they entered the Colony Tennis Championships together for the first time.

Then, they were fresh from their Club successes and were looking for new worlds to conquer. Since 1925 they have won every conceivable honour in local tennis; yet instead of interest in their game being on the wane, it remains as warm as ever. The reason for this probably is that there is a quality in their play which keeps on interest sustained, whether they are winning or losing.

Yesterday's programme in the current tournament provided another example of why the Rumjahn cousins still succeed in drawing the crowd. For the first half of their match against the Chinese R.C. pair, Lee Wal-tong and Iu Tak-cheuk, they looked likely to be eliminated in the second round—a thing which has never happened during the 14 successive seasons in which they have participated in the doubles championship. But it turned out to be the same old story: they finally recovered to win by the odd set.

WINNERS FORTUNATE

In some respects, it has to be admitted, the Rumjahn were fortunate yesterday. Half-way through their match, a slight miscue began to fall, making the court very slippery; and the Rumjahn, being the more agile pair, were not affected to the same extent as their opponents, though the only player to fall when "H. D." who did so while attempting to receive an acutely angled volley. Furthermore, the rain which had been a bother to Iu Tak-cheuk, who was wearing glasses, at one rate, it was evident that he did not play as well during and after the drizzle as he had done before.

The Rumjahn conceded the first set not because they played in a light-hearted manner as they so often do but because they were beaten by a pair who played the better tennis. Indeed as well were Lee and Iu playing in the first set that hopes of their causing an upset rose very high. The Chinese countered hard drives with magnificent volleys, and lobes with smashes which searched the "side-lines."

While Iu imparted a great deal of speed and angle to his smashes and volleys, Lee was more varied and often caught the Rumjahn unawares with stop volleys and drop shots.

But as so often the case, the Rumjahn began to play better when they sensed danger of defeat. Mistakes were reduced to a minimum, their lobes were always of a depth to inspire respect, and slowly but inexorably they pulled up, and once the set was squared, the odds were on them winning.

A GREAT FIGHT

However, they did not win the second set without a fight. Services were held until 6-3 was called, and then they broke through Iu's service. Sirdar reached 40-love on his service, but to the horror of the Rumjahn's supporters, the C.R.C. pair won the next six points in a row to snatch the game, which meant that instead of having a lead of 6-3, the Rumjahn were checked at 4-4. The set had only been delayed, as it proved for they broke through Lee's service and then "H. D." held his to win out in the tenth game.

Results Of Matches Played Yesterday

The following were the results of matches played yesterday:

Doubles

S. A. and H. D. Rumjahn beat Lee Wal-tong and Iu Tak-cheuk 2-6, 6-4, 6-2.

Paul Kong and B. Szeto beat J. W. Leonard and G. Choa 6-4, 6-0.

I. M. A. Razack and A. R. Minu beat Chan Kam-moon and Wong Fuk-nam 6-1, 6-1.

Singles

S. W. Liang beat N. A. E. Mackay 6-3, 6-2.

F. H. Kwok beat P. S. Leong 6-3, 6-2.

Luk Chun-cheong beat C. R. Bax 6-3, 3-6, 6-2.

W. K. Ma beat T. A. Pearce 9-7, 6-3.

Armstrong To Defend His Welterweight Title In England

London, Feb. 23.

In the first week of April Henry Armstrong, a dual champion of the world, the greatest boxing attraction, bar Joe Louis, in the United States, will sail to England.

Brigadier-General Critchley, travelling ambassador on behalf of himself and his sports enterprises, has pulled off the match on which his mind has been set for many months.

He has fixed Armstrong with Ernie Roderick at the White City Stadium, London, for late May or early June. General Critchley cabled the good news from New York yesterday, and though he makes no mention of the money he is to pay Honside Henry—in private life Mr. Henry Jackson of St. Louis, Missouri—it may be assumed that Henry's visit is not likely to cost a penny less than £10,000.

On the whole, it was a splendid game, providing enough excitement for the large gallery, the majority of whom must have expected a sensational upset after the first set.

EASY VICTORIES

J. W. Leonard and George Choa, who reached the semi-finals last season, were put out by Paul Kong and Szeto Bok in the second round yesterday. The latter pair won with surprising ease by scores of 6-4, 6-0.

The strong all-round game of the winners told its tale. Kong and Szeto revealed few weaknesses yesterday, and on this form, they should go far.

An I.R.C. pair, A. R. Minu and I.M.A. Razack, had little difficulty in accounting for Chan Kam-moon and Wong Fuk-nam of the South China A.A., who were out-classed.

The singles ties provided little over which to enthuse, the results being more or less as expected.

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME

The following is the programme to-day:

Lim Thiam-let v. Lee Yue-wing

H. G. Gan v. George Choa

A. Crawford v. Paul Kong

E. C. Fincher v. Paul Kong

As for Armstrong, he doesn't mind whether Kilrain misses or lands. He is getting £10,000, no matter whom he meets and that's all he cares about.

However, there is no denying at this moment that Armstrong v. Roderick looks the better match. A much-travelled and experienced boxer is Roderick, and a great puncher. Boxing skill has been moulded to a natural fighting style. Roderick can shoot punches from anywhere. He looks the most likely man in Britain, apart from Sydney Wooderson, to give Armstrong a run.

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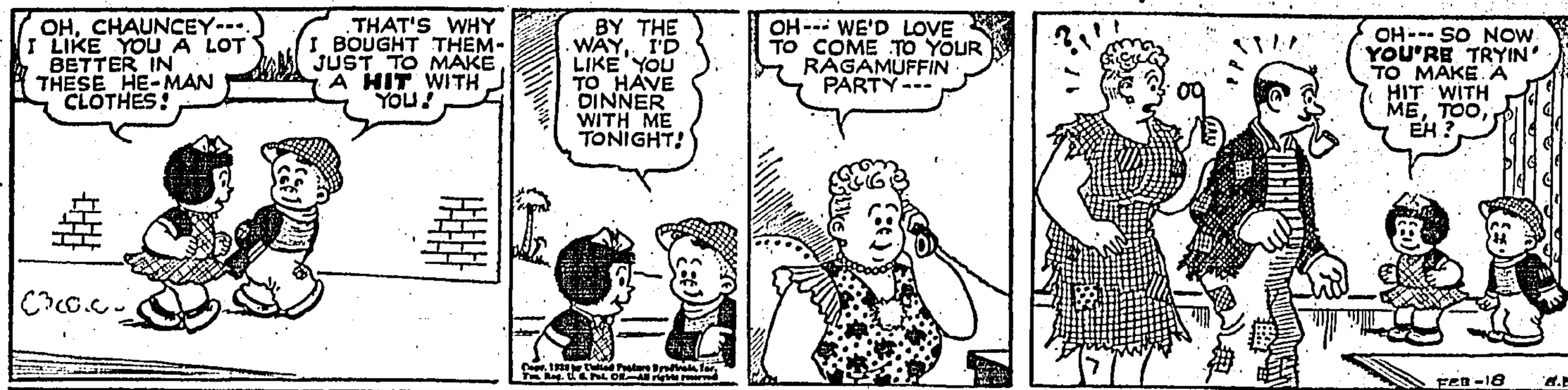
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NANCY



By Ernie Bushmiller

Slogans Can Help Golfers A Great Deal

AN AID TO BETTER CONCENTRATION

Latest Is: "Stay Behind The Shot"

London, Feb. 14.

James Hines, Metropolitan Open champion, is regarded as almost a certain choice for the United States team to meet Great Britain in this year's Ryder Cup match.

A powerfully built young man of similar physique to R. A. Whitcombe, British Open champion, Hines has gained a reputation as one of the mighty hitters.

Weighing 14 stones, he thinks nothing of rapping out 280 yards drives even with the larger American ball which, in theory, is not supposed to travel as far as the smaller British ball.

He uses a 14½-oz. driver which is considerably heavier than the normal weight. Unless unusually strong in the hands, wrists, and forearms it is inadvisable to employ a driver of that weight, the tendency being for the club to swing the player instead of conversely.

There is a mistaken notion that the heavier the club the longer the drive; actually the exact opposite is the case, writes a correspondent.

The chief factor of length is speed of clubhead at impact—the greater the speed, the greater the length. For the average player the maximum weight is 13½ oz., the best results being obtained with a club of 13 oz.

Inexperienced and ill-informed players should be warned that it does not follow because Hines can hit tremendous distances with a heavy club, they can do the same. Hines is an interesting personality, being the chief exponent of the style known as "staying behind the shot."

Americans are fond of slogans which hope their use if only to help the player to concentrate on one thing at a time. One of the most

SPORT ADVT'S

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE FIRST EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at HAPPY VALLEY on SATURDAY, 18th March, 1939, commencing at 2.00 p.m.

The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

No One without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Such must be worn throughout the duration of each meeting in such a manner as to be readily identified.

Badges admitting Non-Members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$5.00 for Gentlemen and \$3.00 for Ladies (both including tax) are obtainable through the SECRETARY upon the personal or written application of a Member, such Member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for Payment of all Chits, etc.

The Secretary's Office, 1st Floor, Exchange Building (Tel. 27794), will close at 12 NOON.

Tiffins are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 21020).

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of Admission to the Public Enclosure is \$1.00 including Tax, for all Persons, including Ladies, and is payable at the Gate. Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform are admitted Half Price.

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C. B. BROWN,

Secretary

Hongkong, 13th March, 1939.

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WATCH FOR IT!

143,982 PAID £11,269 TO SEE F.A. CUP "SERIAL"

By Charles Buchan

London, Feb. 3.

After five and a half hours of strenuous football spread over three games, West Ham United beat Tottenham Hotspur yesterday in the replayed fourth round F.A. Cup tie at Highbury.

In the second period of extra time Macaulay scored the goal that gave West Ham the right to visit Portsmouth in the fifth round on Saturday.

The aggregate attendance at the three games was 143,982, the receipts totalling £11,269. There were 42,716 at the first game at Upton Park, 50,708 at White Hart Lane, and 50,468 at Highbury.

Each club will be richer, as a result of the ties, to the extent of about £3,500.

The F.A. takes 5 per cent. of the receipts at each replay, while roughly one-sixth is paid in entertainment tax.

ALL PAY
With the expenses for the three games, including the fee for playing

age strength who hit further than those with exceptional strength.

In their case the secret is speed; they make up for inferior power by greater speed of clubhead in the down swing. It often happens that with muscular development pushed to extremes a condition of rigidity sets in and speed is lost. Thus golfers who give the appearance of being able to drive 300 yards find great difficulty in reaching the 200 yards mark.

PRACTISE DAILY
The best method of developing the essential—muscles—is the hitting of balls, and in this vile weather, when golf is an undesirable adventure, an hour's practice a day driving balls into a net can be undertaken with undoubted advantages.

In his younger days Cotton indulged in two hours' practice hitting balls against a mattress reared against a garage wall. He has developed into one of the longest and one of the most accurate of drivers. His slogan would be "Practise intelligently." Jones, on the other hand, coined the golden phrase, "Walk it" (meaning the clubhead), while Alec Morrison based his treatise of two hundred pages on "Pointing the chin."

Morrison dogmatizes; for instance, he says: "If you have been told not to 'sway' forget it. Such advice is hurtful and misleading. The correct body balance in golf is a moving one, as in walking. You must shift your weight from foot to foot before turning the body if you hope to get efficiency and power into the swing. It is because this fact is not generally understood that a turning of the body is usually advised and taught as the proper method of beginning the back swing. It is wrong.

"Any attempt to maintain a fixed balance or distribute the weight evenly between the feet while swinging will tighten the muscles and joints in the lower part of the body. It creates tension and discomfort, both of which will increase as the swing progresses."

The best example of the "sway" is Ray, whose huge frame moves from side to side as the swing begins. Mitchell puts it another way. He says that a lateral shift of the hips to the right takes place before any body turn is attempted. "Keep moving" would be his slogan.

In the effort to keep his 14 stones behind the blow Hines almost gives the impression of falling backwards, a position known in America as a "Charley horse."

AN IMPORTANT HALT

A vertical line drawn from the left heel, which is dug into the turf, shows the whole body well behind the line. The follow-through indicates that the right hand, as in the case of all the experts, has taken control just before impact and carried on to a complete and uninterrupted finish.

While unable to drive as far as Hines, we may be able to hit further and straighter by adopting the counsel, "Stay behind the shot."

Marcel Dallemane, the Frenchman, who is one of the world's longest hitters, has no slogans to offer in the way of advice. According to him, length depends on three factors—physical strength, speed of down swing, and accuracy in hitting.

He regards physical strength as the principal factor, and it is significant that no examples exist of exceptionally long hitters who lack power. Strength lies chiefly in the wrists and forearms, for, according to their muscular development, the player will either be a long or a short hitter.

In the case of Hines, he has enormously big, powerful hands and the muscular forearms of a blacksmith. But there are some players of average



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Acquiring Balance

THEORETICALLY, we always long as you can, up to a minute, then repeat with the other leg. Your next aim should be to do graceful, but actually, only a small proportion of womankind are really graceful as one expects them to be, whether they are dancing, walking, sitting, or doing anything else. Standing on one foot as before, raise Grace depends on a number of the arms sideways and wave them lightly up and down. Change the things, of course, but one of the most important is balance. Head Exercise.

You may, at first, think there is no connection between balance and grace, but anyone who has anything to do with physical culture will tell you that an ability to balance with grace has a direct effect on the physical movements of everyday life, since they lend assurance, ease, and control to the whole being.

Aim at acquiring a certain amount of balance, and you may rest assured that it will improve your walking, dancing, and other activities. Include the following exercises in your daily physical jerks.

An Important Point

One of the first and most important things to remember when doing balancing exercises is to keep the toes well turned out. The reason for this is twofold. Firstly, the body adopts a greater ease and a more airy grace when the toes, and therefore the limbs, are turned out; you can prove this by watching the grace of ballet dancers. Secondly, it is a fact that it is easier to keep one's balance with the toes turned out, because the basis on which the body above is poised is greater than if the toes point merely straight forward.

The first and simplest exercise is to stand on one leg, with foot turned out, of course, and to raise the other slowly, keeping the foot well stretched down and the bent knee smartly out. Keep this position as

Roma Lobel

Youthful Married Women

"How do you manage to keep looking so young?" I asked a married woman of my acquaintance the other day. Although she has been married for over eight years, has two young children, and runs the home with only occasional help, she does not look older than I remember her in pre-marriage days.

She replied modestly that she did not know, and quite frankly, did not think anything about it. So I was left to ponder over the reason, having as a background for my thoughts the fact that so many married women seem to grow older than the years warrant, and so many single women retain their youth till self-acknowledged middle age.

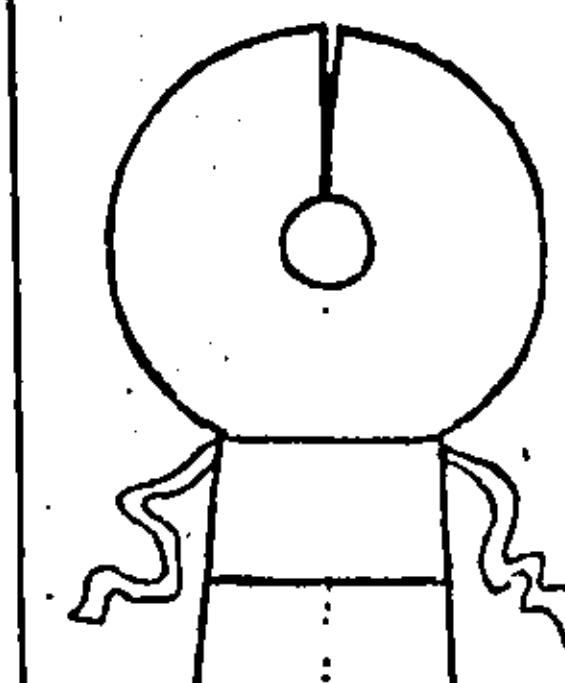
But something my friend let slip gave me a clue. "This is my night for the theatre," she said. She went on to explain that ever since she had married she had reserved one night in the week for her girlhood friends, most of whom were unmarried. They spent this one night together. During the winter months they went to an entertainment, and in the summer there was tennis or occasionally golf or a walk in the country. She looked forward to that night in the week, and had scarcely missed it in all the years of her married life.

Marvelling at the unusual length of such friendship, I became dimly aware of difficulties. "But the children . . . I murmured. "Oh, my husband knows this is my night out and he tries to stay in, and, if he cannot, we get someone to come in." I also learned that both husband and wife arranged a night out by themselves each week if it were possible, even if it were only to have supper together in town.

In a Nut

Perhaps there is more in this than we think. We married women are so prone to settle down. For the first few weeks or months we retain something of our energy even in being entertained or in sport or in friendship and companionship, but gradually we become tied to the home. It is so easy to slip into ways which, while they may do justice to our young.

L. T.



What You Need

To make the apron you need 1 1/2 yds. of 36 in. wide checked seersucker and 1/2 yd. of plain material. Seersucker washes like the proverbial rag, and does not lose its colours.

Cut the odd 1/2 yd. from the checked material, leaving a piece 36 in. square. Fold this in halves and cut it into a large semicircle, as shown in the diagram. Cut out a small semicircle for the neck. Open the material into a circle and cut a slit from neck to hem for the back opening.

Cut the 1/2 yd. of checked material in halves lengthwise. Stitch one end of one of the pieces to the front of the circular piece, matching the centres.

Measure off nine inches from the remaining piece of material. This is for the pocket. Cut off an inch or two from the bottom of the apron skirt if it is too long for you, then sew on the pocket. The sketch will show you how this should look. A line of stitching up the middle will divide the pocket into two.

I Don't Understand My Son

I AM bitterly disappointed about my son. When he was a child I looked forward to his being grown up. I expected to find him pale, but as I imagined we would have many interests in common, and that our companionship would be fun.

And that brings me to the possibility that I am making a blunder now. Am I blaming my son for my not being able to get to grips with him when the fault is really mine? Is it not perhaps, the eternal problem of youth never to be truly understood by the old?

But the fact is I cannot get to grips with him. He is twenty-two, has a worth-while job in the City, and has never given cause for any anxiety, but as for my knowing what goes on in his mind or what his ambitions are, or his being a pal of mine, he might just as well be a complete stranger.

Sometimes I begin to have my suspicions. I feel forced to think that I cannot get to grips with him because there is nothing to grip. He is hollow, a sham, a man lacking in marriage days.

It may be said that we cannot have it both ways, but would not our home even be brighter if we were brighter ourselves?

Youthfulness these days is not so much a matter of years as of one's attitude to life. And what may be felt within is reflected without. Those who feel young may more easily look young.

I suspect that my son gets along quite well because he has not sufficient character to go wrong, is too lackadaisical to kick over the traces. Apparent Lack of Interest

He indulges in most modern sports—and in one of his own, plays tennis, stays out late at night, but does it all with an air of not being particularly interested.

The same thing applies to business and politics. He never offers me a word about his affairs in the city, and when I ask him how he is getting along he replies with a "Quite O.K., Dad," and that is as far as we get.

I have not any idea what his politics are. I have never heard him drop a word of dislike for "the other side" or of praise for "our side." The wrong of this, that, or the other party of people do not rouse a flicker of indignation.

Why I would prefer it if he was burning red-hot for the side whose views are opposed to mine: I would feel then that he had some opinions and the guts to back them up. "Political," he utters scornfully, when I broach the subject.

In my youth I was cast in a very old mould. I was interested in everything, and went full out for the interest of the moment. No one

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Fashion dictates that veils with complement Spring hats, be they simple or dressy. At left, the slightly mushroom, "guava crepe" hat in white is emblazoned in a fine black veil. The purple veil brings out one of the colours of the turban in changeable toffeta at right.

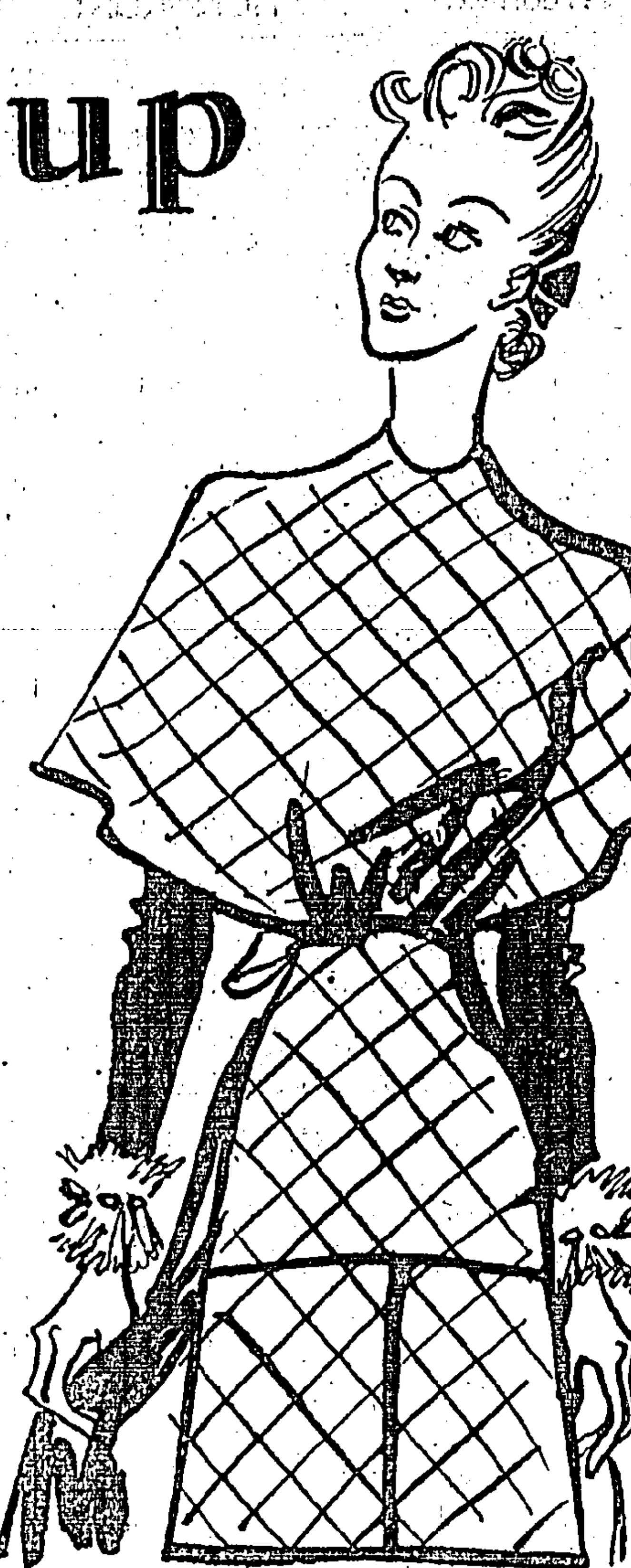
Make-up apron

Cut it out in gay
cotton, wear it when
you do your face

IN these days of elaborate coiffures and closefitting dresses, we have to make up and "do" our hair after slipping on our frocks. Powder and blobs of cream are likely to fall on nice new dresses, and hairs drop on to our shoulders.

This useful apron will prevent all that. Its cape top will protect your shoulders and the pocketed front part will take care of your skirt. A supply of cotton-wool, cleansing tissues, orange sticks, etc., can be kept in the pockets.

The upstanding neckband can be tucked into high-necked dresses so that the neck can be creamed and powdered without any damage to the dress.



Apron Strings

Attach apron strings of the plain material to each side of the skirt at the waist. A piece of tape should be sewn to each side of the neck opening, and the apron is finished.

For visits away from home a special "best" apron can be made of a less serviceable fabric, but be sure that it will wash. It is only when you have been wearing an apron for a couple of weeks that you will realise how much it saves you on your dresses!

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make him think
"How dainty she is?"
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Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

ACROSS
1—Spiral inclined
2—Plane
3—Opera cantata
4—New Zealand native
5—Marchioness
6—Confederate
7—Force
8—Body
9—Kind of tort
10—Confederate general
11—Substance
12—Detached
13—Cord
14—Home
15—Hole for a sheath
16—Mountain lake
17—Dress
18—Dress
19—Divorce capital
20—Adolescence
21—Transgression
22—Worried
23—Distracted
24—Infected
25—Feminist
26—Female
27—German leader
28—Crown of thorns
29—Rant
30—Province in
31—Particular
32—Crown
33—Period of time
34—To the left

1—Agree
2—Species
3—Brilliant characters
4—Cord
5—Unruly
6—Indefinite, uncertain
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ABOVE: Miss Violet Bradbury
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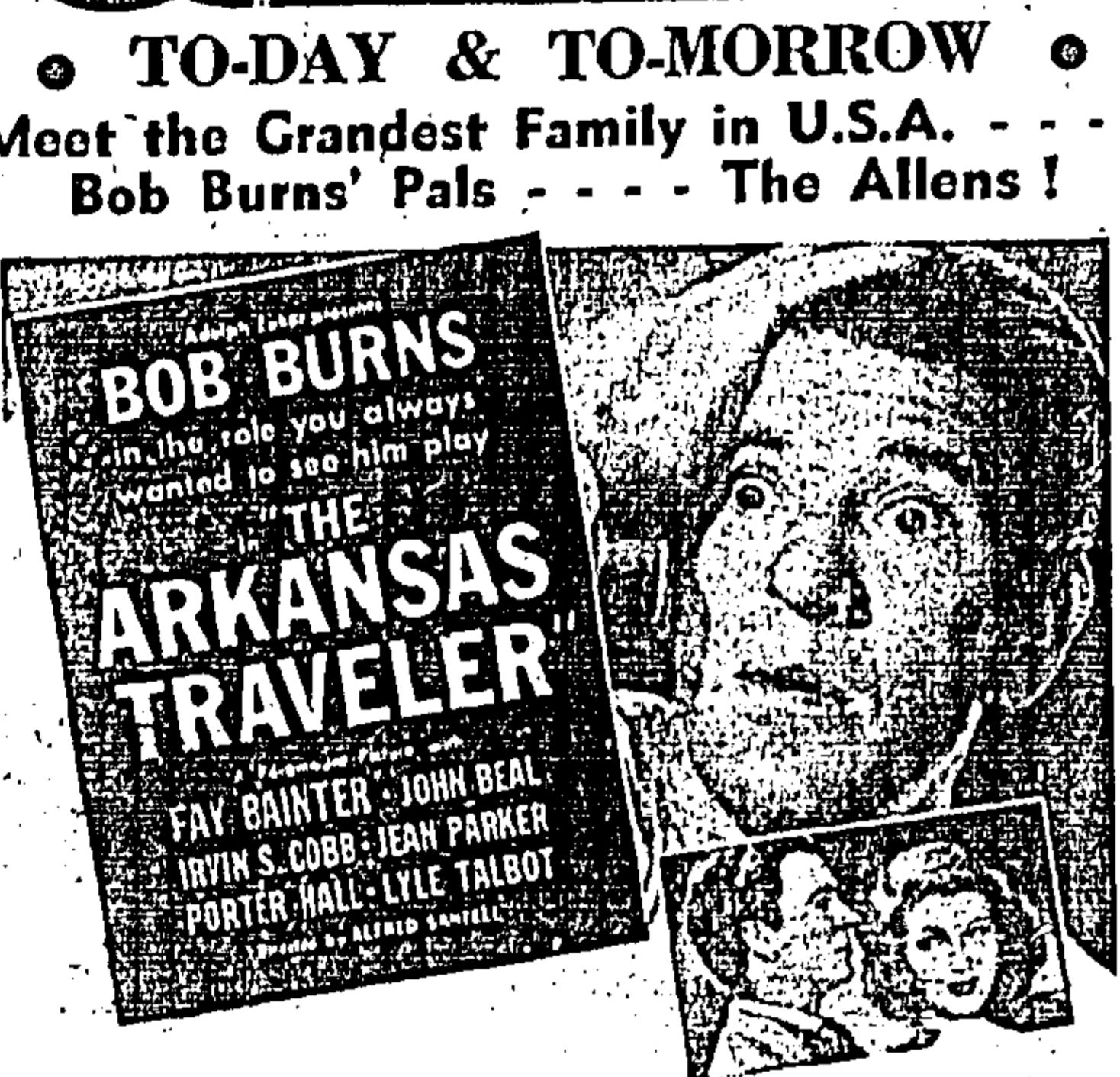
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Declaration Of Independence By Slovakia Set Armies On Move

BRATISLAVA, Mar. 14.

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It is reported that immediately afterwards, Jews began to flee to Moravia in large numbers.

The Slovak Premier, Dr. Tiso, issued the following proclamation to the Slovak people to-day in conjunction with the declaration of independence.

"Slovaks! At this extremely grave moment, we, the authorized representatives of the Slovak people, address ourselves to you, and to all the peoples of the world who are free, and thus appreciate this value of national liberty.

"Events have transpired during the past few days on the soil of our homeland under pressure of armed Czech power which violate the most natural laws of humanity and nations. The object in all of this was to deprive our people of that which they had gained at great sacrifice. The intention was to place us again under a yoke that would not be lighter than the one we formerly bore.

ALL IN VAIN

"We did everything in our power to achieve a solution which would be acceptable to us and to the Czech people. We were willing to deprive ourselves of many things to which we had a legitimate right, in order to come to an understanding with the Czechs. All of our endeavours were in vain.

"The political representatives of the Czech people believed that through various measures they could force us to capitulate. The President of the Republic dismissed in an unconstitutional manner the Slovak national Government on the night of March 9. This act is intolerable, both from the political and legal viewpoint, because the Slovak Diet voted its confidence in the National Government on February 23. No dis-

pargments in the Constitution deal with the autonomy of Slovakia. The President the right to dismiss the Slovak National Government on the basis of a one-sided decision, and to appoint a new body.

AUTONOMY ABOLISHED

"The autonomy of Slovakia which was promised to us a long time ago, and finally granted by Law last autumn, has been abolished. Through this act, however, relations between the Slovak and Czech peoples lost their constitutional basis. The Prague Government turned to armed force and thus created a situation which was long incompatible with the relations between peoples of equal rights, but on the other hand signifies a Czech dictatorship over us, and an attempt to compel us to submit.

"History will prove that our conscience is clear and that God is our witness that we wished only for the best."

"The responsible leaders of the Czech people replied to our goodwill with force. Against the Czech people we have no grievance, but this nation is governed by men who have learnt nothing from the past. The enemy of our national destiny is great, but God in his justice, is greater, and he will not forsake us in this very grave hour of our national existence.

POLITICAL DEATH

"The day has arrived when we must take the destiny of our people into our own hands if we wish to rescue the nation from political death. If we desire to secure the future for our people, we must terminate mutual political life with the Czech nation, and we have therefore resolved to claim complete independence for our Slovak people."

retain friendly recollections, realising as we do, that political frontiers cannot separate the hearts of people who have been together for so many years." — Trans-Ocean.

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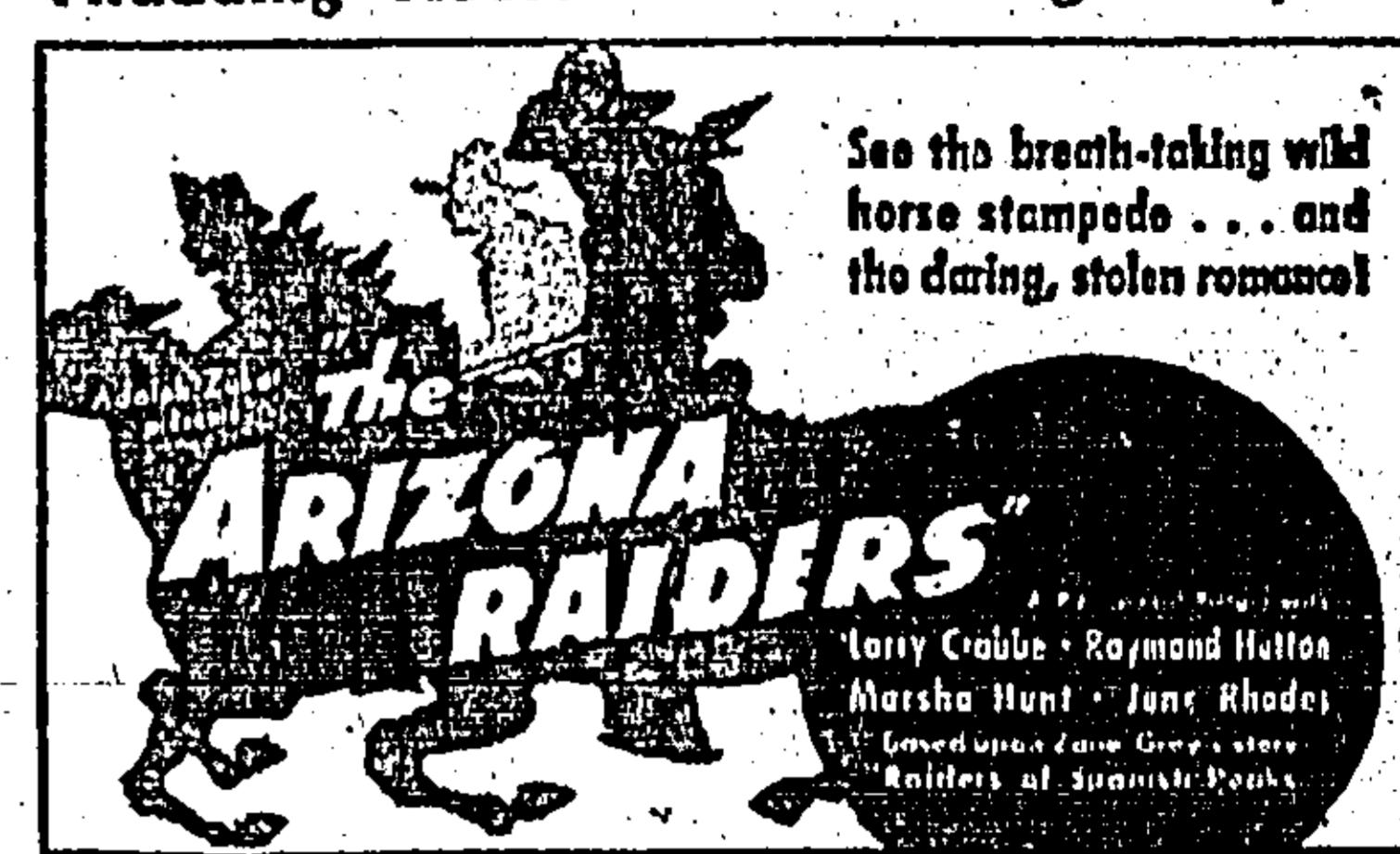
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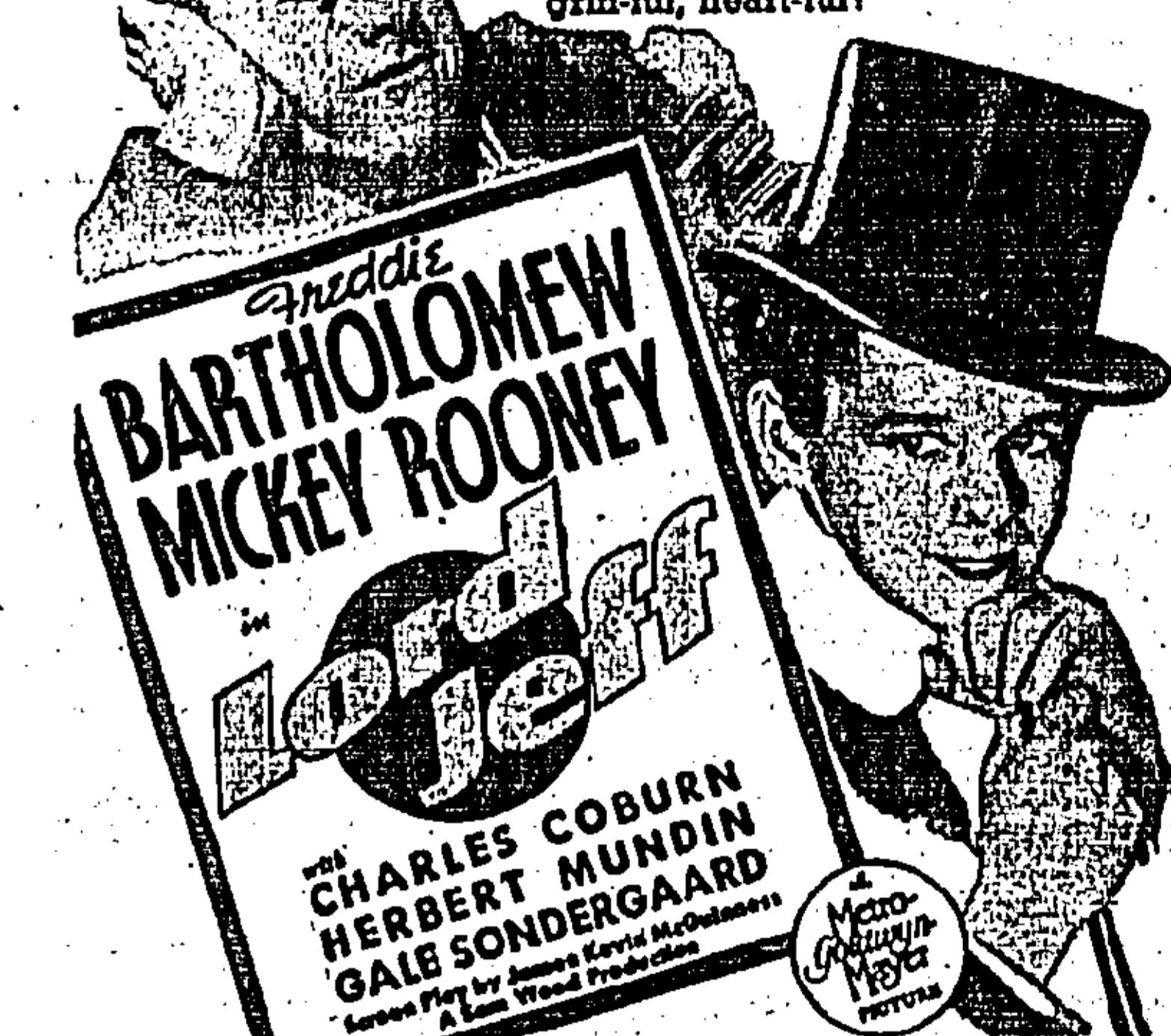
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Political circles attach importance to to-morrow's Council of Ministers, which is expected to discuss Italy's inspirations in the light of the new

developments in Czechoslovakia following the coronation of the Pope.

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